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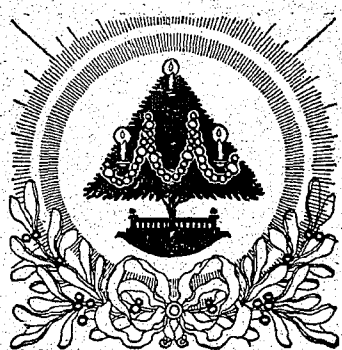
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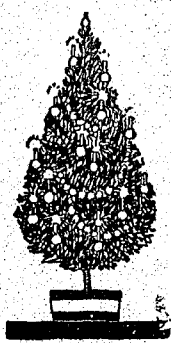
Because this is in reality EVERYBODY'S Store. You receive just as careful and courteous treatment here if you make only a penny purchase as if you had bought a thousand dollars' worth.

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### About Our Community Christmas Tree.

Thru the happy thot of the civic and program committees of the Mothers' club of Grayling we are all to enjoy a Community Christmas tree.

A large tree will be placed in the square formed by Michigan and Peninsular avenues to give to our people a message of good cheer and fellowship. It will be a sort of Christmas party for the big family of Grayling. Everybody, old and young, will meet together, not for presents, the commercial veneer of our modern Christmas, but for the feel of that first Christmas in Bethlehem, marked off from other days by a star and the song of the angels.

The only gifts will be music and light. Trained voices will sing Christmas carols and hymns. The band will be there to assist with music. The church bells all over the town will ring out their message of good will and to bid Christmas welcome.

On Saturday evening, Dec. 23, at about 7:30 o'clock the mayor will touch the button that will set the tree into a blaze of light that will bring good cheer and strength to countless, lonely and homesick hearts. And the program will follow. Let us all feel that this is our tree and, our treat, and show an interest in this our first municipal Christmas tree.

## CHAMPION TROUT FOR SEASON 1916

JAMES THOMPSON GRABS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

Receives \$150.00 Offered by Fishing and Sportsmen's Clubs.

Little did James D. Thompson, local agent for the Manistee & Northeastern railroad, know just how well he was building when he started out on a fishing trip on May 13 of last spring.

Well, he just did things the following day that covered him with glory and caused him to be the envy of many a trout fisherman. After two hours of the hardest fight he ever had he succeeded in landing what he termed the finest rainbow trout that ever grabbed a hook. It tipped the scales at 8 1/2 pounds and measured 28 1/2 inches. The trout was caught in the Manistee river near the red bridge. Most of our readers are familiar with the features of this remarkable catch for the news was published the same week in the Avalanche. Our printed article reached the sporting editor of the Chicago Herald, Dixie Carroll, who was acting as referee in the season's contest for the catching of the largest trout.

Mr. Carroll immediately communicated with Mr. Thompson who in return sent him a sworn statement as to the size and weight of the fish, together with the names of witnesses. This was easy for there were many who saw the fish and saw it measured and weighed.

This was in early August and up to that time, Mr. Carroll wrote, Mr. Thompson's catch held the left, and this was continued to the close of the season.

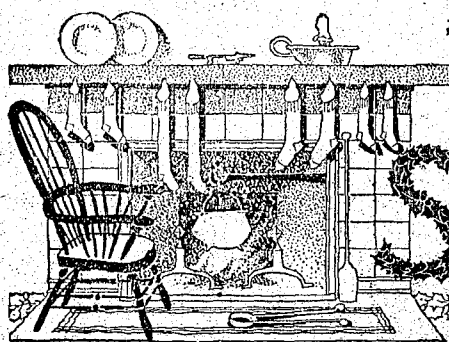
Prizes had been offered by individuals, sportsmen's clubs and publishers, in cash and sporting goods.

Soon after the close of the contest Mr. Thompson was informed that he was the lucky one and prizes began to arrive from all parts of the United States, from Maine to California. Among them were a check for \$39.50; a \$30.00 fly rod; \$20.00 casting rod; \$5.00 reel; about \$10.00 worth of lures; \$15.00 worth of artificial bait such as Dowagiac, spinners, trollers and other articles; leaders; miscellaneous articles and yearly subscriptions to six sporting magazines. In all what has already been received amounts in value to about \$150.00, and more seems to be still coming.

Mr. Thompson's story of his exciting fight to land this champion trout has been prepared for publication in the Chicago Herald. The Avalanche has a copy of the story but out of courtesy to the Herald, we will withhold the printing of it until after it has been published by them.

Of course Mr. Thompson is feeling pretty happy over his good luck but it hasn't swelled his head one bit. He says it was only luck. He is a good sport and knows the trout fishing game about as well as any who invade the waters of this region.

Try a package of Dr. Navaun's Kidney tablets. For sale at the A. M. Lewis drug store.



## YULETIDE SUGGESTIONS

The time for purchasing your holiday goods is here. You should be buying TODAY, getting the cream of the market at the same low prices that will prevail right down to Christmas eve, when the supply will be almost exhausted. We never change prices. They remain the same to all, until the last article is sold. Hence the wisdom of buying NOW, when you can take your pick of the lot.

### These are Only a Few of the Many Good Things We Offer You:

#### Dress Goods

The wide range of staple and novelty dress goods in our stock makes suitable selection an easy matter for you.

We can always show the latest weaves and patterns in the popular colors, and can satisfy you both to quality and prices.

#### Stylish Waists

Discriminating buyers will find our assortment of Waists complete in every detail—in variety of styles, materials, sizes and colorings.

Creations of lace, crepe de chine, voile, etc., command your attention. You will find attractive designs in embroidered as well as plain patterns—and the prices will please you.

#### Dainty Lingerie

For ladies undergarments that combine beauty and daintiness with high quality and low prices our stock is unequalled.

We have an attractive showing of Corset Covers, Chemise, Combination Suits, Petticoats, Nightgowns, etc., of the latest designs and patterns, from which we are sure you can make a suitable selection.

#### Gloves for All

For all members of the family as well as for all occasions—for dress affairs or for street wear.

Our stock comprises the finest silk, and kid gloves—the more moderate priced varieties—cotton gloves and all in the latest colors. Any kind you wish and at reasonable prices.

#### White Goods—Linens

How's your stock of napkins and tablecloths? We are offering some excellent values right now in mercerized napkins and bleached tablecloths.

We also have some extra good values in linen and cotton huck towels, bleached Turkish towels, toweling, plain and fancy bed spreads and bleached sheets. It will pay you to see us soon.



#### Neckwear

We can show you the same creations in Ladies' Neckwear that you would find in the large city stores.

They include everything from the finest lace or embroidery effects right down to plain white collars. Something stylish at any price you wish to pay.

#### Good Hosiery Values

The finest Silk Hosiery and the latest novelty combinations in the popular new shades are now offered here at attractive prices.

Of course we carry the standard guaranteed Cotton Hosiery as well as the serviceable Lisles in a variety of weights, colors and sizes. Hosiery for men and women, too.

#### House Dresses

Description cannot do justice to our exceptional values in House Dresses, Kimonos and Aprons. They must be seen to be appreciated.

We have everything in the latest styles—plain colors, checks, stripes, light and dark figures. Materials include ginghams, percales, lawns and chambrays—plain or embroidered. And the prices will suit you.

#### Handkerchiefs

The desire to buy in dozen lots will occur to all who see our large stock of handkerchiefs for men, women and children.

We have some beautiful patterns in fancy lace effects, as well as the good serviceable plain lineups. Also many with border embroidery and initials in white and the various colors.

#### Men's Wearing Apparel

We have a handsome line of shirts, collars, underwear, hosiery, neckwear, hats and handkerchiefs, that will please the most particular man or young man. We have these in values ranging from the common work apparel to that for better dress occasions. The quality and price will suit you.

Some of the newest novelties in neckties await your inspection.

#### Shoes and Slippers

Our stock of shoes, slippers and other footwear is large. Some of the newest things in style and shades may be found here. Shoes for children as well as grown-ups. Rubber footwear for all purposes.

## EMIL KRAUS

Grayling's Leading Dry Goods Store

### WHAT RED CROSS SEALS DO. Christmas Messenger Helps to Relieve and Prevent Disease.

Here are six ways in which the money you spend for Red Cross Christmas Seals may be used:

1. Tuberculosis patients who are in need of food, clothing, sanitation care or other necessities may be relieved.
2. A visiting nurse may be engaged to go out to the homes of the poor and give instruction and advice on the treatment and prevention of tuberculosis. She is a most valuable educational and preventive agency.
3. A special campaign for a city or county hospital may be carried on, and the community be thereby induced to assume its share of the tuberculosis burden. Thus your money is multiplied manifold.
4. A dispensary may be maintained where patients and their families may call for free advice and examination.
5. Open air schools and fresh air classes may be started, where boys

and girls who have tuberculosis or are threatened with it may be built up in body and mind.

6. Educational work will be done to show the entire community men, women and children that tuberculosis can be cured and prevented.

Every Red Cross seal is a bullet in the fight against tuberculosis.

### Methodist Episcopal Church Notes.

SUNDAY SERVICES.  
Morning at 10:00 o'clock.  
Sabbath school at 11:45.  
Epworth league at 6:00.  
Evening service at 7:00.

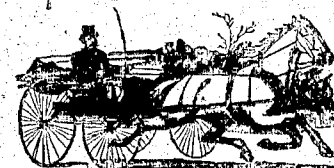
Note: No one can excuse themselves for non-attendance at the services on Sunday. Everybody welcome.

If you desire a spiritual awakening in sincerity and in very truth, give your soul a chance on Sunday morning and evening.

The Pastor of the M. E. church invites you to present yourselves in church on Sunday.

Special music and singing.

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## REORGANIZATION OF P. M. APPROVED

THE MICHIGAN RAILROAD COMMISSION FINALLY PASSES THE PLAN.

### WHEAT YIELD IS 86 PER CENT

There Has Been 4,250,000 Bushels of Wheat Marketed in the Last Four Months.

Lansing—The Michigan railroad commission has finally approved the reorganization plan of the Pere Marquette railroad.

Although there are some changes from the tentative plan approved some time ago, the total capitalization under the reorganization remains \$105,000,000. The principal change is an increase of \$9,000,000 in the fixed charges.

### Wheat Crop Better Than Last Year.

The condition of wheat in the state as reported by the monthly crop report is 86 per cent of an average condition, which is one per cent better than at this time a year ago. The estimated total number of bushels of wheat marketed in the state for the four months' period, August to November, is 4,250,000. Rye condition is 89, as compared to 90 a year ago. Fall pasture condition is reported as 83 per cent of an average crop, while the condition of live stock is: Horses, 96—same for sheep—95 for cattle and 94 for swine.

### GOV. FREES MORE PRISONERS

Will Release Three More If the Salvation Army Will Care for Them.

Jackson—Governor Ferris, who paroled three prisoners serving life sentences in Jackson prison for murder, announced that five more convicts would be paroled if Maude Bellingham Booth of the Chicago Salvation Army will take them. Two of the five are James Halstead, who killed a man during a quarrel 35 years ago, and Jerry Scott, who whipped his little daughter to death. All of the men he intends to free, the governor said, have served 20 years or more.

The men paroled were Charles Edward Byse of Huron county; Harry North, who shot and killed his wife in Detroit in 1905; and Sylvester Daniels of Genesee county.

The governor announced that Irving Latimer, matricide, who has served 23 years, would not be freed.

Governor Ferris said he has received thousands of letters from friends of inmates begging clemency.

"Jackson prison has full half of the inmates of the state penal institutions," he said, "and yet I have narrowed the list down to the 40 prisoners I have interviewed on this visit. You see I am not going to turn all the prisoners loose, as some people would believe."

### CITY OF ESCANABA IS SUED

Northern Michigan Water Co. Asks \$500,000 Damages.

Escanaba—Suit was instituted in the federal district court at Marquette by the Northern Michigan Water Co., owners of the Escanaba water plant, against the city of Escanaba asking \$500,000 damages because the city is dumping its sewage into Bay Denoe, the source of the water supply furnished the city by the company. The company alleges that the sewage emptied into the bay made it necessary to install a special filtration plant. The suit is said to be the outcome of unsuccessful negotiations for the sale of the company's plant to the city.

### NOVEMBER 3095 ACCIDENTS

Twenty-nine Were Fatal and 141 Resulted in Permanent Disability.

Lansing—Twenty-nine fatal accidents were reported to the industrial accident board during November, according to the report made public. In addition 141 resulted in permanent disability and 1,461 in temporary disability, exceeding two weeks' duration. All told, there were 3,095 accidents, of which 1,651 were compensable. Injured workmen and their dependents received \$156,106 in the month.

Frank Smith, investigator for the Interstate commerce commission, arrived at Lansing from Washington to begin work with the Michigan railway commission in gathering data on the car shortage problem.

Kalamazoo state hospital will ask an appropriation of \$111,000 of the next legislature. Construction of a new laundry and refrigerating plant are the two largest items on the budget.

Sought by authorities for three years, Harry Fairbanks, a paroled convict, has been found at last at Poplar Bluff, Mo., and will be returned to prison to finish out his five-year term. Fairbanks, whose home is in Union City, came to prison from Berrien county in 1911 and was paroled in 1915.

The railroads will again this winter ask the legislature for an increase in passenger fare. It has not yet been determined whether a two and one-half cent or a straight three-cent bill will be introduced.

A proposition to bond Alma for \$60,000, voted on December 27. Alma recently voted to bond for \$60,000, to 000 to construct a water works will improve the water works, but it was discovered that the city's pumps had been worn out and replaced by the Alma Grain & Lumber company, and that the city did not own the plant.

## MICHIGAN NEWS BRIEFS

There are 504 more school children attending Pontiac schools now than at this time last year.

George Dufrense was struck by an old, of Grand Rapids, was burned to death when her clothing caught fire at a kitchen stove.

The Bay County Dry campaign committee spent \$3,338.94 in the recent campaign, according to a statement filed by its treasury.

The chamber of commerce has asked James McBride, state market director, to survey conditions looking to a public market at Adrian.

Thirty cases of chicken-pox have been reported to the health department since last Thursday and there are now over 60 cases in Kalamazoo.

The Barry County Farmers' federation met and passed resolutions asking the board of supervisors at the coming session to employ a farm agent for the county.

Emil Robichaud, 26 years old, employed as a switchman by the Chicago & Northwestern, accidentally shot and killed himself while hunting rabbits in Florence county, Wisconsin, near Iron Mountain.

Fire Marshall Winship notified Michigan chiefs to take every precaution against fire and panic and to see that all exits are unobstructed during the holiday season in stores where large crowds congregate.

Warden D. J. Fogarty, of the Indiana state prison at Michigan City, with a committee of four state senators, visited the Jackson prison for the purpose of investigating the prison farms, projects, canning and brick factory, and the tannery.

Dean Bates, of the University of Michigan law department, believes the Adamson law can be upheld if its application is not unreasonable to operating conditions. He also says congress can regulate pay of employees in interstate business.

The huge plant of the Louis Sands Salt & Lumber company, of Manistee, when, at the height of a furious windstorm, fire broke out in the yards where millions of feet of dry lumber are stored. In a freezing temperature, firemen saved the plant.

F. Carey Martindale and David H. Crowley, assistant attorneys-general, will not be members of the state's legal department after the first of the year. Martindale plans to leave the department this month, and Crowley says he will engage in private practice either in Detroit or Lansing after January 1.

Robert Smith, publisher and founder of the Robert Smith Printing company, Lansing, died early Saturday.

He had been ill for several years. During the Civil war he published a paper at St. Johns, and later was at Jackson and Ithaca. During the early '90s he held the state printing contract and was a dominant figure in state politics.

The shortest campaign of the Continental Sugar Co. is nearing its close in Blissfield. Sunday will complete the slicing of beets. The company expected over 100,000 tons of beets, but owing to climatic conditions, only about half this was realized. The beets, however, have contained 16 per cent of sugar, a gain of nearly 2 per cent over former years.

The tuberculosis clinic held at Ionia during the last three days revealed many cases in the city and county. Throughout the county there were 502 persons examined. Of the positive cases, Belding contributed 27, Ionia 46, Lake Odessa 16, Portland 25, Saranac 44, a total of 128. There were also 86 suspicious cases. Plans are drawn for a four-county sanitarium.

The Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Co. has announced an increase in pay for employees of 10 per cent beginning December 15. The increase will affect 3,000 men and was made because of the increased cost of living and for the reason that the company will receive a higher price for its ore next year. This is the third increase granted by the company in the last two years.

Relatives are searching for Conrad Finkbeiner, a farmer, who lived not far from Grant for many years and who disappeared more than six years ago. After the Travis murder had been uncovered here recently the villagers were reminded of Conrad's mysterious disappearance. They began circulating rumors which may cause the authorities at White Cloud to begin a search to learn if Finkbeiner is living or dead.

One of the largest deals ever made in Canadian pulp plants was just completed when the Bryant Paper company, Kalamazoo, and the Oxford Paper company of Rumford Falls, Me., closed a deal for the purchase of the Edward Partridge Pulp & Paper company, of St. Johns, New Brunswick. The consideration was \$3,000,000 and the deal followed negotiations pending more than three months. A total of 372,000 acres is involved.

Heavy penalties are being enforced on Sarnia women who shop at Port Huron by a new woman customs inspector on the Canadian ferry dock. Charles S. Cunningham, of Detroit, was elected chairman of the state railroad commission when David H. Crowley qualified as a member of the commission to succeed the late Lawton T. Hemans. Commissioner Cunningham declined to discuss the rumor that he intends to resign as a member of the commission to become manager of the Detroit Chamber of Commerce to succeed A. T. Waterfall, resigned.

The Baraga county board of supervisors has decided to submit to the voters the question of raising \$110,000 to build roads. The election will be held January 8.

Alex. Robertson, Clarence Navarre and Louis A. Clayman have been ordered by the circuit court to remove their cottages from the north bank of the government ship canal near Monroe Pier. This federal land is held in trust by the Marsh club, which instituted proceedings when the defendants refused to pay rent to the club for the federal land.

## PASSING THE BUCK



## U.S. MAKES PROTEST OVER BERLIN POLICY

DENOUNCES THE ACT OF BERLIN OVER DEPORTATION OF BELGIANS.

### NOTE CABLED NOVEMBER 29

Berlin Says the Measure Was Adopted As a Military Necessity and Regarded It As Legal.

Washington—A note to Germany protesting against the deportation of Belgians for forced labor as contrary to all precedents and humane principles of international practice was made public by the state department. The note with the department's statement making it public, says:

"November 29, Mr. Grew, our charge at Berlin, was directed to obtain an interview with the German chancellor and read to him the following:

"The government of the United States has learned with the greatest concern and regret of the policy of the German government to deport from Belgium a portion of the civilian population for the purpose of forcing them to labor in Germany, and is constrained to protest in a friendly spirit but most solemnly against this action, which is in contravention of all precedents and of those humane principles of international practice which have long been accepted and followed by civilized nations in treatment of non-combatants. Furthermore, the government of the United States is convinced that the effect of this policy, if pursued, will in all probability be fatal to the Belgian relief work, so humanely planned and so successfully carried out, a result which would be generally deplored and which, it is assumed, would seriously embarrass the German government."

The note was cabled to Charge Grew at Berlin November 29; the day Ambassador Gerard discussed the subject with President Wilson, with instructions that he read it to the German chancellor personally. In making it public, the state department announced that the interview had taken place, but said nothing about results.

The decision to protest formally against the treatment of the Belgians followed unsuccessful informal efforts by Charge Grew, under instructions that he say informally to the Berlin foreign office that the deportations were having a most unfavorable effect upon neutrals, particularly the United States. The charge was informed in reply that the policy was adopted as a military necessity, and that Germany regarded it as legal.

## MICHIGAN STATE ITEMS

There is one new case of smallpox developed at Ann Arbor. Miss Rhea Seybold, a high school girl, has the disease, making seven cases since last Saturday. No students in the university have had the disease or shown symptoms of it since the outbreak.

In his room at the Willard hotel, at Muskegon, Joseph Woyton, 21 years old, son of a Detroit contractor, attempted to end his life by drinking iodine. He was taken to Mercy hospital where it was several hours before he was considered out of danger. Disappointment in love, having been rejected by a local girl, is said to have been the cause of his act.

George Dufrense, was struck by an automobile at Birmingham at Mason and Woodward avenues. His face was cut and his leg and shoulder were injured.

Andrew Yurkovich, of Flint, laborer and formerly of Detroit, was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury after five hours' deliberation for shooting and killing Frank Spine, a fellow roomer. Circuit Judge Stevens sentenced him to seven and a half to fifteen years in the Marquette prison, with the recommendation that he serve ten years.

There was no contest when the heirs of Edwin C. Way, late president of the Scott-Dillon Tobacco Co., of Detroit, were determined. Eastern cousins get the entire estate of more than a million dollars.

Resolutions endorsing equal suffrage, free text books for all children in the state, enforcement of prohibition and denouncing any food embargo, since this would injure the American farmer, who, it was said, had not received any benefit from the war prices, were adopted by the Gleaners in state convention at Grand Rapids.

## FRENCH BATTLESHIP SUNK

Left Port Last November and Has Never Been Heard From Since.

Paris.—The battleship Suffren, which left port November 24, has not been heard from since, and the minister of marine considers the vessel lost with all on board. She is believed to have been sunk by a mine or a submarine. The Suffren sailed for Lorient, a French naval station in Brittany, November 24.

The Suffren was completed in 1916 at a cost of \$6,000,000. She displaced 12,750 tons. Her normal complement was 730 men. She was 410 feet long and 70 feet of beam and was laid down in 1895. She was armed with four 12-inch, ten 6.4-inch and eight 4-inch guns, 22 three-pounders and four torpedo tubes.

Last year, the Suffren took part in the bombardment of the Turkish forts at the Dardanelles. She entered the Straits to attack Turkish batteries and, according to an official Turkish announcement, was damaged seriously and withdrew in flames. She was sent back to Toulon for repairs.

## VILLA ISSUES MANIFESTO

No Foreigner Allowed to Own Land Unless He Has Been 25 Years in Country.

El Paso, Tex.—"Pancho" Villa, in a manifesto issued to the state of Chihuahua, before he retired from Chihuahua City, revealed himself as the Moses who is to lead Mexico from under the heel of the tyrant, and declared that under the battle cry of "Mexico for Mexicans," he would lead his people in a struggle to repel invading Americans and overturn First Chief Carranza. Villa threatens death to all who disobey him.

The manifesto has reached El Paso. It deals sweepingly with present conditions and makes sweeping orders calculated to relieve them. In one sentence he confiscates all property owned by foreigners, declares his intention to cut all wire and rail communications with the United States and asserts foreigners must suffer the consequences of being in a nation at war.

## 1,115 VESSELS BUILT IN YEAR

All But Forty-nine Of Those Were For the American Flag.

Washington—Merchant ships built in the United States in the first eleven months of this year more than doubled in tonnage the whole of last year's output. The bureau of navigation announced that 1,115 vessels had been turned out with a gross tonnage of 821,711. All but 49 were for the American flag. Domestic wooden vessels numbered 836, with a tonnage of 127,276 and steel 130 with a 361,170 tonnage. The Atlantic and Gulf trade took 546 vessels, the Pacific trade 263, the Great Lakes 114 and western rivers 143.

There are building and under contract vessels with aggregate tonnage of 1,200,000 the largest total ever reported in the country's history.

The strike of 140 women employees at the Hoover Steel Ball plant at Ann Arbor, has failed, according to L. J. Hoover, manager, who said that all the disgruntled girls had returned to work. He said no four per cent wage increase, which the yanked, had been granted. Hoover charges the trouble originated because of the activities of a woman social worker here. He claims the girls are better paid than store workers.

The attempt to boost the milk price at Muskegon to nine cents has led to war between the creameries' some still charging but eight cents.

Railroad men of Battle Creek have taken the lead in an effort to bring railway trainmen under the absent voters' act. At the next session of the legislature petitions will be presented asking for an amendment to the present election laws. It is said that many trainmen lose their votes each election because they are out of the city during the hours the polls are open.

Mayor James B. Balch, of Kalamazoo, announced that the emergency purchasing commission, appointed by him to provide coal to be sold at cost to residents of Kalamazoo, now has several cars of all grades of coal under contract and en route to this city.

A temporary injunction suit has been instituted by the city of Flint against Genesee county restraining county officials from permitting carpenters to continue work on the new sheriff's residence because it is not of fireproof construction and is within the fire limits.

## LOYD-GEORGE AT WAR CABINET HEAD

LAW, CURZON, MILNER AND HENDERSON ARE THE OTHERS APPOINTED TO THE COUNCIL.

### WILL HOLD DAILY SESSIONS

More Power Is Given to the Prime Minister Than Was Ever Known Before.

London—Official announcement was made that the government had been constituted with a war cabinet comprising the following:

David Lloyd-George, premier; Earl Curzon, lord president of the council, who also will be government leader in the house of lords; Arthur Henderson, minister without portfolio; Lord Milner, minister without portfolio, and Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, who has been asked by the premier to act as leader in the house of commons and also as member of the war cabinet without being expected to attend regularly.

An important point in this novel organization is that it concentrates far more power in the hands of the prime minister than the British system has ever known before.

Mr. Lloyd-George's proposals to Premier Asquith were for a war council, of which the premier should not be a member, although he should have the power of passing on its work. Mr. Lloyd-George has not hesitated to place himself in a position more closely resembling a dictatorship than he was willing to give his predecessor.

The war-cabinet will hold daily sessions, directing the prosecution of the war. Freedom of Mr. Lloyd-George, Lord Milner and Mr. Henderson from departmental duties will allow them to devote all their time to the war council, the work of the exchequer and government leadership.

The work of the exchequer and the government leadership in the house of commons will absorb most of Bonar Law's time, while attendance on the house of lords will necessitate Earl Curzon's absence from the council frequently. Accordingly, Mr. Lloyd-George, Lord Milner and Mr. Henderson will be the chief directors of the war.

## DEUTSCHLAND IS HOME AGAIN

Made the Return Trip in Nineteen Days—Having Bettered Her First Voyage Four Days.

Berlin (by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The German commercial submarine, Deutschland, completing a quick trip home from the United States, arrived at the mouth of Weser, near Bremen.

The arrival of the Deutschland marks the completion of the second round trip of the undersea commercial boat to the United States. On her voyage just finished she made the passage in 19 days, having left New London November 21. This bettered considerably the record of her previous eastward trip, which, starting from Baltimore, took her 23 days. Her two westward voyages occupied respectively 16 days and 21 days.

The Deutschland, which is the only commercial craft of her type that has succeeded in reaching this country from Germany, her sister ship, the Bremen, having been lost on her outward voyage, was forced to make two starts from New London on this return trip.

On her first attempt, November 17, she collided with an escorting tug and had to put back to port. She was not badly damaged, however, and was able to put out again four days later without mishap.

The Deutschland, on both of her trips, brought valuable cargoes, chiefly of dyes and chemicals. On her present voyage she took a cargo estimated at \$2,000,000 in value and official mail to Germany.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Union Steam Pump Co., of Battle Creek, announced a bonus of five per cent to workmen for 1916. During the year the company gave its employees a general increase in wages, as well as a nine-hour day. The bonus just announced will net employees \$12,500.

A warrant was issued for Dr. Levi Kenyon, living at Bellevue, Mich., but having an office at Battle Creek, charging illegal practicing of medicine. It is alleged that Kenyon, while not a licensed physician, claimed to be able to effect marvelous cures of incurable diseases, and then failed. Patients furnished Justice Eberstein with affidavits.

Mrs. Frank Wheeler, 122 Belden street, Jackson, and her two children, Homer and Nellie, 2 and 5 years old, were badly burned when a gasoline stove exploded while the mother was filling it. It is believed they will recover.

That the Barry County Agricultural society, which has been encumbered with indebtedness during the last few years, is on a firm financial basis was shown by the reports of Secretary Dawson and Treasurer Sheldon at the annual meeting. The balance in the treasury, with all debts paid, is \$1,122.

Marietta, O.—Marietta has voted dry, 1,762 to 1,677.

Washington—Educational institutions approved by the war department for the organization of reserve infantry officers training corps units include the state universities of Arkansas, Washington, Wyoming, Vermont, Nevada, Louisiana, Ohio, Florida, Alabama and Minnesota.

At Culver Military academy, Culver, Ind., all three arms of the service will be represented, and at Norwich university, Northfield, Vt., a cavalry unit will be organized.

## Woman's Intuition.

Intuition must be what makes the neighbor women know, after glancing at the beautiful and fashionable new neighbor as she passes, that her heliotrope silk stockings undoubtedly are only seconds with defects in the garter-tops, which, however slight, of course make a vast difference in the price.—Columbus (Ohio) Journal.

## Small Girl's Advice.

Little Mabel, four years old, refused to sit still to have her picture taken. Her exasperated father finally put her firmly in the chair and whispered in her ear, "If you don't sit still I'll buy another little girl." But Mabel, who had three sisters, called out, "Don't do it, pa; buy a boy."

## Very True.

"Dar's a heap o' things I don't understand," said Uncle Eben; "an' a heap o' folks tryin' to 'splain 'em dat don't understand 'em neither."

## Optimistic Thought.

It is not the eye for faults, but beauty, that constitutes the real critic.

## Would Stagger Them Most.

It is a popular diversion to talk about how dumfounded our grandfathers would be by our telephones and motor cars and so on, but apparently no one dares imagine what they would think of the bills.

## Problem for Butcher.

In market the other day a little girl was watching the butcher as he weighed each customer's order and stated the price. She herself got on a large scale and asked if I would weigh her. When I told her her weight she turned to the butcher and said: "I weigh thirty-two pounds. Will you please tell me how much I cost?"—Exchange.

## Pretty Thin.

"I was whipped by six men," whimpered a man today. "Had there been only five I would have 'clipped' them." That kind of talk is pretty thin.—Atchison Globe.

## Package for Henry.

"Yes, Henry and I certainly possess similar tastes!" exclaimed the adoring bride. "We are surely interested in the same things!" "Yes," agreed Henry's mother-in-law grimly, "you certainly are! You care more for dear Henry than for anyone else in the world, and so does he!"

## Daily Thought.

Spirituality is not an attainment, an acquisition of the nature; it is a quality of the nature. It is not a thing to be; it is a way of being everything.—Phillips Brooks.

## Difference in Dogs.

You can keep a real fine dog in food at an expense of about \$10 a month, while a real sorry dog can get out and make a living for himself.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

## SALTS IF BACKACHE AND KIDNEYS HURT

Drink lots of water and stop eating meat for a while if your bladder troubles you.

When you wake up with backache and dull misery in the kidney region it generally means you have been eating too much meat, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which overworks the kidneys in their effort to filter it from the blood and they become sort of paralyzed and sluggish. When your kidneys get sluggish and clog you must relieve them, like you relieve your bowels; removing all the body's urinous waste, else you have backache, sick headache, dizzy spells; your stomach sour, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment, channels often get sore, water solids and you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night.

Either consult a good, reliable physician at once or get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to cleanse and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is a life saver for regular meat eaters. It is inexpensive, cannot injure and makes a delightful, effervescent lithia-water drink.

## Good Salesmen.

The efficient salesman is a man who can get a job—probably a better one than a financial standpoint than you can give him. The product man, with his tendency to strict discipline and his idea of fixity of wages, rarely understands the more temperamental and emotional sales type. The salesman demands a looser rein than the toolmaker, the laborer and the office clerk. The salesman gets it, because he can go where he can have it.—Industrial Management.

## Certainly a Hard One.

"What do you consider the most difficult feat in the world?" "Well, there may be things harder than proving to your wife that she is extravagant, but I don't know what they are."

## Neat "Calldown."

Jack was sitting near his uncle at the breakfast table when his mother came in and placed some bread before the uncle's plate. Jack watched his uncle as he sat silently hurrying through his meal. When his mother entered the room again Jack said: "Mamma, I guess I'll have to thank you for bringing Uncle Harry that bread."

## COMB SAGE TEA IN HAIR TO DARKEN IT

It's Grandmother's Recipe to keep her Locks Dark, Glossy, Beautiful.

The old-time mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur for darkening gray, streaked and faded hair is grandmother's recipe, and folks are again using it to keep their hair a good, even color, which is quite sensible, as we are living in an age when a youthful appearance is of the greatest advantage.

Nowadays, though, we don't have the troublesome task of gathering the sage and the mossy mixing at home. All drug stores sell the ready-to-use product, improved by the addition of other ingredients, called "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound" for about 50 cents a bottle. It is very popular because nobody can discover it has been applied. Simply moisten your comb or a soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, but what delights the ladies with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound is that, besides beautifully darkening the hair after a few applications, it also produces that soft lustre and appearance of abundance which is so attractive. This ready-to-use preparation is a delightful toilet requisite for those who desire a more youthful appearance. It is not intended for the cure, mitigation or prevention of disease.

## Hopes Women Will Adopt This Habit As Well As Men

Glasses of hot water each morning helps us look and feel clean, sweet, fresh.

Happy, bright, alert—vigorous and vivacious—a good clear skin; a natural, rosy complexion and freedom from illness are assured only by clean, healthy blood. If only every woman and likewise every man could realize the wonders of the morning inside bath, what a gratifying change would take place.

Instead of the thousands of sickly, anemic-looking men, women and girls with pasty or muddy complexions; instead of the multitudes of "nervous wrecks," "rundowns," "brain fags" and pessimists we should see a virile, optimistic throng of rosy-cheeked people everywhere.

An inside bath is had by drinking, each morning before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to wash from the stomach, liver, kidneys and ten yards of bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour fermentations and poisons, thus cleansing, sweetening and freshening the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach.

Those subject to sick headache, biliousness, nasty breath, rheumatism, colds; and particularly those who have a pallid, sallow complexion and who are constipated very often, are urged to obtain a quarter pound of limestone phosphate at the





## Christmas Hymn

By Philip Brook

O holy Child  
of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us,  
we pray;  
and enter in,  
and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the  
Christmas angels  
The great glad  
tidings tell;  
O come to us,  
abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel.

### Quotations to Go With Christmas Gifts

A PRETTY and original touch may be given to a Christmas gift by accompanying it with a dainty card on which are written the recipient's name and some apt quotation of an appropriate nature. A few selected quotations suitable for different gifts are suggested here.

For a postal card album:  
Kind messages that pass from hand to hand.  
—Longfellow.

For a set of books by a well-known author:  
The chief glory of every people arises from its authors.  
—De Quincey.

For a small afternoon tea caddy:  
Yes, thou soft, thou sober, sage and venerable liquid.  
—Colley Cibber.

For a useful purse:  
The best friends are in the purse.  
—German Proverb.

Happy the man, who, void of cares and strife, in slumber or in southern purse retains.  
—John Phillips.

A splendid shilling:  
The cards beat all the players, be they never so skillful.  
—Emerson.

With a pair of gloves:  
Oh, that I were a glove upon that hand!  
—Romeo and Juliet.

With a silver handglass:  
The heart like a mirror should reflect all objects without being sullied by its own confusion.  
—Confucius.

With a "tear-off" calendar:  
The longest day must have an end.  
—Italian Proverb.

A Christmas gift of a ring for a fiancée or wife:  
So let our love  
As endless prove  
And pure as gold forever.  
—Robert Herrick.

For the last baby:  
Much is she worth and even more is made of her.  
—W. B. Henley.

With an umbrella:  
The year, most part deformed with dripping rain.  
—Cowper.

With a cookbook:  
The taste of the kitchen is better than the smell.  
—Old Proverb.

With an electric torch lamp:  
To a great night a great lantern.  
—Old Proverb.

With a necktie:  
Who's a health need of a hundred eyes.  
—Old Proverb.

### A Real Party.

Harry had attended the Christmas party of a little friend and enjoyed it very much, especially the candy and other goodies. A few days later the mother of his little host met him and asked:

"Did you have a good time, Harry, at Orelia's party?"

"Of course I did," responded Harry, enthusiastically. "Why, mamma, had I sit up with me three nights I was so sick."

### Not Playing Favorites.

"You say this girl show is intended for the tired business man?"

"That's the idea," replied the manager. "But we don't wish to discriminate, and during the holiday season we are glad to receive the patronage of the tired college boy."

### The Other Way.

"Have you finished your Christmas shopping?"

"No; it finishes me."

### GIVING AND GETTING GIFTS

She Felt Uncomfortable Because He Questioned Her Motives in Regard to Christmas Purchases.

"What did you get for Christmas?"

"Why, I haven't got them yet, of course—but I expect to get some furs from father, a new watch from mother, candy and gloves from Jack, something from the kids, and a raft of things to wear from my cousins and aunts, and some books from grandpa, and a check from Uncle George. I shall certainly be disappointed if I don't."

"I don't mean that. I mean what did you get to give?"

"Oh, a lot of handkerchiefs, and some gift books, and some perfume and—and—I think that's all, I guess. Say, let's go downtown to-night—I suppose the stores will be open."

"It's rather late, and it is really necessary."

"Well, I hadn't thought of it before, but now that you have spoken about what I was going to give, I suppose it is. I suppose if one expects to get things they must expect to give."

"No, my dear, that wasn't my idea at all. That isn't getting to give—that is giving to get."

"Oh, my, I see I can't please you. I don't think it's nice of you to make anybody feel so uncomfortable!"

### A Gentle Hint.

"Have you made any good resolutions for the new year?"

"Yes—one."

"What is it?"

"To stop answering fool questions."

### Knew His Duty.

"Now, George, at our Christmas party I want you to toe the mark."

"I surely will, if it's the mistletoe."

### WHAT HE GOT.



Wear—I got sentimental yesterday and hung up me stockin' for Christmas.

Walker—Not did yer get?

Wear—Nuthin; somebody stole me stockin'.



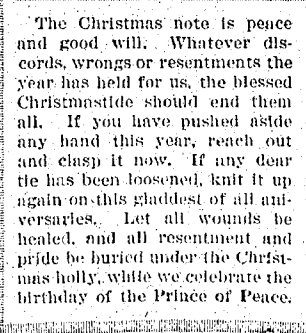
### Decorations for the Tree.

A pretty decoration for Christmas which is so easily made that the little tots can do most of the work, is paper chains. Silver paper and blue paper make the prettiest. Cut the paper into four-inch squares, then cut the squares into strips one-fourth inch wide, and paste the ends of the little strips together, linking them as you go. Silver alone is very pretty, and alternate links of blue and silver give an attractive effect. The paper costs five cents a sheet, so the expense of the decoration is small.

### A Subtle Revenge.

"How did you break your wife of buying you cigars for a Christmas present?"

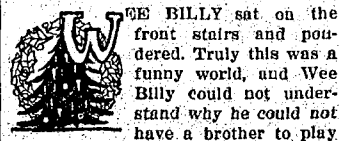
"I gave her a box of cheap chocolates."



The Christmas note is peace and good will. Whatever discords, wrongs or resentments the year has held for us, the blessed Christmide should end them all. If you have pushed aside any hand this year, reach out and clasp it now. If any dear tie has been loosened, knit it up again on this gladdest of all anniversaries. Let all wounds be healed, and all resentments and pride be buried under the Christmas holly, while we celebrate the birthday of the Prince of Peace.

## BILLY'S CHRISTMAS

By MRS. HAZEL B. BEATTY.



BILLY sat on the front stairs and pouted. Truly this was a funny world, and Wee Billy could not understand why he could not have a brother to play with. Jimmy, across the street, had one; and Teddy Jones, two houses above, had two. One, a great, big brother, who used to give Billy pennies. And now to Wee Billy's sorrow the new family just moved in next door had five boys. Of course they were brothers, and none of them were grown up. What good times they must have. And here he, Billy, didn't have a soul but a cat outside of Mamma and Daddy Boy.

Poor Billy boy! The longer he pondered the more dejected he grew, but finally Snooksy, the great big tiger kitty, who allowed his small master to pull his sacred tail and otherwise subject him to such indignities, was aroused from his peaceful slumbers by a much-excited little boy, who just hopped around on one foot, and finally



ended by grabbing kitty up in his arms. This was too much, for Snooksy was an awful, and down went Wee Billy, Snooksy and all.

Such a mix-up! For a few minutes nothing could be seen but a red-poly boy all arched and legs and a much-dreaded cat who managed to crawl from under his little master and sought the farthest corner in the front hall from which he could view Wee Billy Boy safely, and also be ready to run if such another scene seemed imminent.

Billy Boy had solved the problem. What was it his teacher had told him about the Christmas baby?

The small mind groped for the much-desired information, but in vain. Anyhow, it didn't matter. Of course Santa Claus brought the Christmas Baby, because he brought all things at Christmas time; so why not write Santa and tell him all about it.

Wee Billy Boy rushed to mamma's desk and was soon busy. Had he time to send his letter? It still lacked a week to Christmas and everybody was busy, so "Billy Boy mustn't bother," when he had asked his pretty mother; but he guessed it wouldn't take long for a letter to reach such a well-known old gentleman. So Billy Boy wrote:

"Dear Santa Claus, I want a little brother, not a big one, but one just like me becuz I get lonesome, your lovin' billy boy."

He put the letter in the fireplace, happy in the knowledge that Santa Claus had received it because it "burned so beautifully."

Wee Billy guarded his precious secret carefully and counted the days. He haunted the doors and was in the way generally, meaning to intercept anybody bringing a baby brother. But the week passed and a heavy-hearted little boy was tucked into bed, by Daddy Boy after a strenuous time undressing and the hanging of the stockings.

Where was his precious mamma, why wasn't she there to kiss and tuck him in?

But Daddy Boy said she was "getting ready for Santa Claus," and of course, Daddy Boy knew, but—and the heavy lids dropped and body grew quiet. Wee Billy Boy was in Dreamland, having an awful fight with a new brother, who insisted on sitting on Snooksy.

Morning dawned and Billy Boy opened his eyes only to remember the day, and shouting:

"Merry Christmas, Mamma, Merry Christmas, Daddy Boy!"

He jumped out of bed, Daddy Boy met him at the door, and strange to say, was all dressed.

"Did he bring him, Daddy Boy? Oh! Did he?"

"Bring what, son?" asked Daddy Boy.

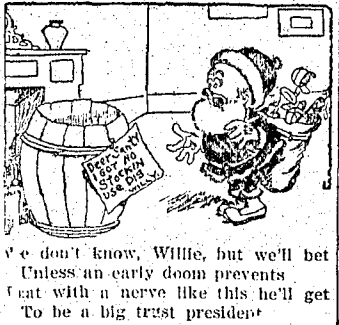
"A brother. I wrote Santa Claus for a brother." And the blue eyes grew teary as he looked at his stocking, but saw no sign of the coveted brother.

"You come with me, son; perhaps you haven't looked in the right place."

And picking up Billy Boy in his arms, he tiptoed into mamma's room, and there in his precious mother's bed was a brand new baby brother.

Santa Claus hadn't forgotten Wee Billy Boy after all.

### HEADED THAT WAY.



We don't know, Willie, but we'll bet unless an early doom prevents I eat with a nerve like this he'll get to be a big trust president.

## NASHIMURA TOGO ON CHRISTMAS BY WALLACE IRWIN

To Editor, who realize how it must be more expensive to give than to receive.

DEAR MR. SIR: Merry Xmas thoughts fill me with something else. My brain refuse to ring bells in connection with this annual jingling. Perhaps it is because of following anecdote which happen to me:

At home of Mrs. & Mr. J. Poke, Rockville, N. J., which is on the list of places where I am no longer there, I was employed in their midst. That family contained only two (2) complete children, but they were sufficiently plenty. By name they were Hester and Lester, aged 5 & 7, respectively. These young persons, when healthy, was full of childly amusements including dish-break, runaway, knockabouts, and whittling pencils with Father's safety razor.

But by approach of Xmas time they suddenly became otherwise. I notice this because I seen it. They walk around with Y. M. C. A. expression of toes and seem too good to be happy.

"Oh childish children!" I require from them, "why so you do so? Do you enjoy some sleeping sickness to make you thusly silent?"

"Hush!" they depose. "Xmas are coming!"

"Are Xmas, then, such saddish event that you should await it without cheers?" I ask to know.

"Oh, not is!" they allude. "But, unless we behave very Sunday-school, Hon. St. Claus will not arrive with gifts of great cash valuation."

I stand ast for this phenomenal. So I go to Hon. Mrs. Poke and require from her, "Hon. Mrs. Madam, I say so, 'who are this Hon. St. Claus who seem so Carnegie in his gifts?"

"He resemble Hon. Flying Dutchman," she suggest, with slyly winking. "No such person ever was."

"How so?" I snatch off for horrors. "Then I must inform Hon. Hester & Lester about this mistaken personality."

"Not to do!" she snagger peevily.

"Why should not?" I ask to know, with eyebrows.

"Because thus," she say it. "I told them about this Hon. St. Claus from my own voice."

"How you could be so deceptive?" I terrify.

"I do this to make my children less sinful in their comportment," she suggest. "When they go around making gunman noises, I holla, 'Stop before Hon. St. Claus hear you and refuse to come!' If they tell untruthful lies, I humiliate them by reproaching, 'Hon. St. Claus will snub you for this untruthfulness!'"

"Are it not somewhat sinful to relate them fibulous tale to tender child?" I negotiate.

"Ah, no!" she abstract. "If childhood should not believe in St. Claus, then most happy times would relapse forever. Togo, you must do everything what possible to make them believe in this whisker-gentleman."

"I shall attempt to think up something deliciously deceptive," are smart answer I make.

On date previously before Xmas I go to town-village with weekly salary, price \$5, and purchase considerable wheel-cart, squeak-doll, jump-up-Jack, and other childish amusement. These I poke under overcoat and retreat home slyly like snails walking over upholstery.

When night-time was there, Hon. Hester & Lester was cruelly sent to bedtime and locked asleep so they would not find out about Hon. St. Claus. As soon as they make sleep, Mrs. & Mr. Poke command me to bring forth Xmas-tree. I make him grow from soap-box in dining-room. I assist intelligently hanging this foliage with tin fruit, including numerous candles standing on limbs to resemble fireworks. While Hon. Poke boss my enthu-

siasm, I fetch forth considerable heavy toy-boxes from basement of cellar. Back-broke feelings by me. Yet I continue this labors until mixed assortment of Xmas stood by tree with deceptive labels about Hon. St. Claus.

At 1 o'clock hour a. m. Mrs. and Mr. retire bedward, exhausted from observing my work. But my dutiful labors had just commenced. I must prepare to show those childish children how Hon. Mr. Claus down-slide down chimney-pipe.

All house was full of darkness. Frozen moonlight outside. With sneakret footsteps, like snakes swimming in oil, I approach to closet and fetch forth following articles of clothes:

1 minkish ottomobile coat  
2 boots of rubbery exterior  
1 cap from Eskimo leather  
½ lb. cotton resembling whisker.

I drop all them presents I bought inside one laundry-bag, place myself into those garments of clothes, then with detective toes I descend up through attic to where chimney-pipe was on roof.

A clock time now approach. Making affectionate hugs to Hon. Chimbley, I could tell it was Xmas by the feel of the thermometer. By peeking down Hon. Chimbley, I could see how it was sufficiently large hole to permit my Japanese smallness—yet I must compress myself to do so. I enjoyed considerable nervousness like heroes expecting to dive down Mt. Vesuvius.

Pretty soonly 6 a. m. was there and I was not yet froze completely hard. By listening down chimney-pipe with telephone expression, I could hear childlike voices coming down-stairs saying "Oh!" It were time for me to make some slide.

I pull ½ lb. cotton to my chin, saugale Hon. Bag to back, and commence climbing into chimney. What was? Distinctly I could smell slight smud of smoke coming upwards! Yet it were too late. Already I was slipping, down-sliding slowly. Great chokes enjoyed. When nearly down I stuck up suddenly. More chokes.

"Oh, hellup, hellup!" I gollup.

"Who there?" demand Hon. Poke below-down.

"Hon. St. Claus containing smoke!" I yellup. "Make haste or else be quick!"

Some individual persons grabb me at toes. With intense drag I was pulled forth to fireplace where blazes was. My cottony whisker become inflamed, and in desperado attempt I clash against Xmas-tree which tottle over amidst horrible fire-alarms. Great holla by all. Then I am a hero, as usual. While all others make hook-and-ladder noise, I embrace Hon. Tree with elbows and reject him outwards through window. Of finally all was silent, except slight smell of smud.

"What impossibility are you attempting to act like?" require Hon. Mrs. sarcastly.

"Hon. St. Claus," I report.

"Why you no entrance by door?" screech Hon. Mr. with wounded knuckle. "Doors is not respectable for Saints to come in by," I devote.

"They are plenty for Japanese to go out by," resort him, escorting me outwards with brutal jam.

And when I was deploying away from there I hear Hester & Lester report in voice together:

"We have saw Hon. St. Claus. We do not care to meet such a person!" So I depart off feeling like an impossibility. Hoping you are the same,

Yours truly,

NASHIMURA TOGO.

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## Continual Supply

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TEXT—There was a continual allowance given him of the king, every day a portion, all the days of his life.—II Kings 25:20.

These words describe the treatment given by the king of Babylon to his enemy. The king made it possible for this man to cease worrying concerning the material things of life. What a relief would come to many of us if we could be absolutely certain, as we look out into the future, that all needs would be supplied. And surely we may have the relief for God will be as good to his own as the king of Babylon was to an enemy and God has promised to do just this.



The Certainty.

The king of Babylon might possibly forget, but it is impossible for God to forget. Isaiah, the prophet, declares that a woman may forget her sucking child, yet the Lord cannot forget his own. Isa. 49:15. The love of the mother for her babe is the strongest of all love men know of. For her babe a mother will dare all things, yet it is possible for that babe to be forgotten. The love of God for his own transcends all other love and makes it impossible for God to forget. We are continually before him. Whether we wake or sleep, his eye which never slumbers, is upon us. Whether we work or play his attention never lags. Whether we are at home or abroad his thoughts follow us. God never forgets. The king of Babylon might some day find it beyond his power to do for this man, but God's power can never wane. Because he is God he is omnipotent, and because he is God he will never change. Obstacles and obstructions may rise, interference may come, but God will be supreme above them all, and we will find that what is impossible with men is impossible with God. His power can never fail. Nor will his willingness ever cease. He that spared not his own son for us will surely with him also give us all things. His love, his power, his desire, his purpose, his promise, all speak to us of the great certainty that every need will be supplied so that we may boldly say we will not fear whatever the future may hold.

The Method.

Our text says the king gave continually "every day a portion," or a daily ration for every day. He did not give him a year's provision or a month's. He lifted it out of the plane of charity and made it a personal occupation. We are so distrustful of our God that even while enjoying today's gift we take the joy and strength of it away by worrying about tomorrow. He will be the same God tomorrow morning as he is today. Do not let us fear that tomorrow will find his resources depleted and his stores running short. He who made the worlds with a word will never be pressed to supply the need of a worm upon one of those worlds. Remember that once a widow had a barrel in which was a day's supply of meal. Day by day she scraped that barrel clean, but morning by morning there was found to be another day's supply. Always fresh, always ready, the meal came forth from the hand of God. Oh, the uselessness of all our worry. Could we but trust our God what joy and satisfaction, what rest for heart and mind we would find in the present gift. But until we trust him fully, there will always be the disquieting fear concerning the needs of tomorrow. He will not change his method, but he will be true to his word, and we can be confident that "continually, every day a portion" will be supplied for us.

The Extent.

The text says he gave the portion continually "all the days of his life," we have the promise too "as thy days so shall thy strength be." Deut. 33:25. There may be days of darkness upon our journey, when it will seem as though the light could never penetrate. Days when trouble and distress will be upon us, such trouble and distress as to blot out all the past and future, making us feel forsaken of God and man. Days of such glorious sunshine and shadow as to almost make us forget our God. But through all the days, whether of gladness or sorrow, "all the days of our life," our needs will be supplied. We may be certain of this because of what God is and what we are to him. We need to trust him as resources grow low and the meal barrel is empty because he supplies "every day a portion." We may, if we will cease all our worry, for he will supply every day a portion, "all the days of our life." All we have, our friends included, might be gone in the morning, but we can never open our eyes to another day and not find our God with us ready to graciously and bountifully supply our every need.

Neglect to Praise.

In the faithful soul blooms the flower of adoration. If the soul wishes nothing for itself and is paying no debt, if the greatness and the goodness of God simply overwhelm it, then the praise of God ascends to heaven in a song of praise. We praise God for too little. We accept thoughtlessly the great and the good, we chide at the evil. We neglect too much to praise him and adore. So it is good, at least when occasion is given us in the church in the beautiful hymns of praise from all ages, to attain our souls to such high records which exalt and emancipate us even as they rejoice God in heaven.





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### School Notes

Basketball tomorrow night. "The Tom Thumb Wedding" was a splendid success.

The 5 A. class are making product and animal maps of Africa.

The 7 A. reading class are enjoying very much the study of Longfellow's "Evangeline."

The following is extracted from a seventh grade geography paper: "In Italy they raise mulberry trees which they feed to the silk worms."

Clyde Dyer of the fifth grade fractured his collar bone while playing at school Monday noon. Dr. Insley was called and the lad was soon made comfortable.

Do you know why Africa has been so little colonized by the white man? Ask the 7 A. geography class. They can tell you.

Hardin Sweeney of the class of 1915 made the High school a pleasant call

last Monday. We are glad to state that he recently passed a successful examination and has received his commission as second lieutenant in the regular army. Congratulations to Lieutenant Sweeney!

Pupils from the fourth, fifth and sixth grades have begun learning "The Christmas Tree," a song which accompanies a game that is to be played around the municipal Christmas tree.

C. J. Hathaway gave a very instructive and interesting explanation of the structure and work of the eye to the eighth grade physiology class last Friday morning. It is quite evident from their work since that time that he left a clear impression.

This week and last, the general topics emphasized in the first grade were: the literal Santa Claus, the spiritual truth materialized in Santa Claus and Christmas emblems. Stenciled Christmas tree borders, cutting and coloring of Santa Claus, bells, trees, stars, etc., were the subjects for handwork.

The basketball season will open here tomorrow night with games between our High school teams and the All-City boys' and girls' teams. It is expected that this season will eclipse any season we have yet had. We are trying to get games with some of the larger cities. Games with Cheboygan, Onaway and Cadillac have already been scheduled.

#### Kalkaska's Defeat.

The High school basketball teams played their first games of the season

at Kalkaska last Friday, Dec. 8.

The boys won over the Kalkaska team with a score of 37 to 17. The girls were also victorious, the final score being 10 to 8. Considering the fact that the teams played on a strange floor and that it was their first game, they were deserving of their victories.

Our girls during the first half of their game, only scored four points, while their opponents score was 8. In the last half, however, the ball was mostly in play under our teams basket and 6 points were added to our score before the whistle blew for time. In this half our girls played a very good defensive game, Kalkaska being unable to score once.

The boys' game was somewhat rough, one of the Kalkaska players making three personal fouls during the first half. On the whole the game was a very good one and it is our intentions to show them another defeat when they play the return game here.

The line-up for each of our teams was as follows:

Girls: Anna Peterson—R. F. Nina Peterson—L. F. Lucile Hanson—C. Wilda Failing—S. C. Gladys Everett—R. G. Vita Fischer—L. G. Elsie Sparks—Sub. Boys: Carl Doroh—R. F. Carleton Meistrup—L. F. Tony Nelson—C. Frank Shanahan—R. G. Grant Thompson—L. G. Roy Case—Sub.

#### Council Proceedings.

A regular meeting of the Common council of the Village of Grayling convened at the Town hall Monday evening, December 4, 1916. Meeting called to order by H. Petersen, president.

Trustees present—Jorgenson, Milks, Canfield and Cook. Absent—Taylor and McCullough. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Finance committee's report read, to wit: To the president and members of the Common council of the Village of Grayling: Your committee on Finance, Claims and Accounts respectfully recommend that the accompanying bills be allowed as follows:

1. Grayling Electric Co., Oct. service.....	\$124.00
2. Campbell Gravel Co., gravel.....	17.77
3. Central Coal company, traps.....	4.32
4. O. P. Schumann, printing.....	2.50
5. C. C. Fehr, fire report, Oct. 22nd.....	4.50
6. Julius Nelson, pay roll ending Nov. 29th.....	66.38
7. M. J. Sheehy, sidewalk rebate.....	6.80
8. J. M. Bunting, sidewalk rebate.....	8.44
9. George Biggs, sidewalk rebate.....	5.75
10. Adam Hyatt, sidewalk rebate (Mercy hospital).....	7.33
11. Alfred Hughes, sidewalk rebate.....	5.68
12. T. P. Peterson, sidewalk rebate.....	6.06
13. T. P. Peterson, stamps.....	2.00
14. W. Jorgenson, sidewalk rebate.....	12.93
15. Mrs. Mary Turner, sidewalk rebate.....	7.30

Respectfully submitted,  
W. Jorgenson,  
F. H. Milks,  
Committee.  
Moved by Jorgenson and supported by Canfield that the Finance Committee's report be accepted and orders drawn for the amounts. Motion carried. Moved by Milks and supported by Cook that we adjourn. Motion carried.  
T. P. Peterson,  
Village Clerk.

## "We Say Shop Early"

We also say leave your orders with us NOW and let us deliver when you want them, thereby saving yourself that nervous strain of mingling with the crowd that is bound to flood our store the last few days before Christmas.

Honey	Head Lettuce	String Beans
Mince Meat	Cucumbers	Wax Beans
Dates	Celery	Sweet Peas
Figs	Grapes	Tomatoes
Coconut	Radishes	Pumpkin
Raisins	Parsley	Asparagus Tips
Currants	Shallots	Corn
Jellies and Jams	Bananas	Spinach
Preserves	Oranges	Rye and Wheat Bread
Marmalades	Grape Fruit	Prunes
Mixed Nuts	Tomatoes	Catsup
Candy	Cranberries	Pickles
Fig or Plum Pudding		Beets

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**MILTON SIMPSON EST.**

The Sanitary Store

## SHOP EARLY

Here Are Some Gifts "He" Would Appreciate!

Again Christmas and the Holidays are at hand and as always our store is headquarters for appropriate and lasting gifts at prices which really represent money saving. It is certainly to your advantage to make your selections now while our big stock contains such a wide and complete range of suitable presents. The next ten days will be busy ones with this store. Accept our advice and make your choice now for delivery later.

### HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL ARTICLES

#### Handkerchiefs

These are always appreciated. Our Dry Goods department offers a big variety of quality and prices in plain and fancy initial handkerchiefs.



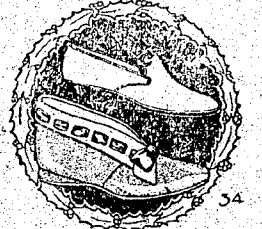
#### Blankets

You will be more than pleased with our supply of Blankets. Our wool blankets can not be excelled in quality and price.

#### Silk Petticoats

The ladies will certainly appreciate our silk petticoats. They are of good quality and the very latest style.

#### House Slippers



Keep your feet comfortable with a pair of our House Slippers. We have them in several styles and shapes.

*What Your Tailor?*

Have Us Order Your

**Xmas Suit and Overcoat**

from our Chicago Tailors

Ed. V. Price & Co.

Select Your Own Style Today

There is not a man in the town but what can find the very style and pattern for a suit or overcoat that he will appreciate and enjoy—providing he makes his selection from the unsurpassed display of our famous Chicago tailors.

By leaving your measure TODAY we can guarantee delivery before Xmas.

Prices are Reasonable

#### Shoes and Rubbers

Remember the children with a pair of new Shoes for Christmas. And also at this time of the year Rubbers are necessary.

Good, high quality leather used in our shoes. For women, children and men.

#### Dress Goods

Messalines, Voiles, Crepe de Chene and other fine fabrics await your selection. We can nicely supply your Christmas wants in this line, and also furnish the trimmings to go with them. Prices reasonable.

#### Underwear

Our line of Underwear for men, women and children can't be excelled. We are the sole local dealers in the well-known **Victoria Brand** of knit underwear. Wear them, and you will want to buy no other kind.

Beautiful Turkish Bath Towels and Rugs.

Heavy Woven Bath Rugs.

### GROCERIES

High grade, fresh, delicious and strictly sanitary.

In our grocery department you may provide your table supplies with a satisfaction that you are getting goods of quality. Just to tempt your appetite we suggest you include a few of the following articles with your next order.

Olives, bottle and bulk. Pickles. Catsup. Salad Dressing. Snyder's Tomato Soup, something new. Honey. Canned Pineapple. Canned Fruits. Preserves of all kinds. Canned Pumpkin. Soups, Beans and other vegetables. Choice Columbia River Salmon, best on the market. Norwegian Sardines, Norwegian Mackerel, Canned Eel, Fiske Pudding, Christmas Plum Pudding, Fresh Cranberries.

### TEAS and COFFEES

We offer the highest grade coffee obtainable in our Mocha and Java. All the well known brands. Choice Green and Black Teas.

### CHEESE

American Full Cream Cheese, Brick and Switzer Cheese, Rouquefort, Kraft and Camembert Cheese.

Nice fresh assortment of Cookies.

Fresh Dromedary Dates.

Apples, Nuts and Fruits of all kinds.

Swan's Down Cake Flour; makes the best cakes. Try it.

We still have some articles that were purchased before the increase in prices. These are staple and things you require every day; they are better than many similar articles offered today because their colors are made from the best German dyes and their colors are permanent. These we are offering at the old prices, however after January 1st they will be advanced in price. Buy early and save money.

We have only listed a few of the thousands of articles in our big store. We sell everything, so just come in and make your wants known.

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### How Old Will You Be At Fifty.

Will you be 50 years old or 50 years young? Kidney troubles make many a person old, when really they should be young. Don't be one of the old. Take a kidney tablet as you would a cathartic. Dr. Navaun's kidney tablets are best, 50c at your druggist, A. M. Lewis.

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**HO-MAYDE** has revolutionized bread making. Bread set in the morning with the famous HO-MAYDE is baked by noon.

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**RESULT:** Larger, better and sweeter loaves, produced from the same materials.

No sour or chilled bread—no failures. HO-MAYDE is guaranteed to be absolutely pure, wholesome and dependable, and complies with the pure food laws.

If unable to secure HO-MAYDE at your grocery, a package will be mailed for 15c. Write for free sample.

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Detroit, Mich.

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with local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Medicine was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Props., Toledo, O. All Druggists, 75c.  
Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

#### Notice.

The tax roll for the year 1916 is now on hand. I will be at my home every Friday up to Jan. 10 to receive taxes.  
Hans Christensen, Treas.  
Beaver Creek Twp.



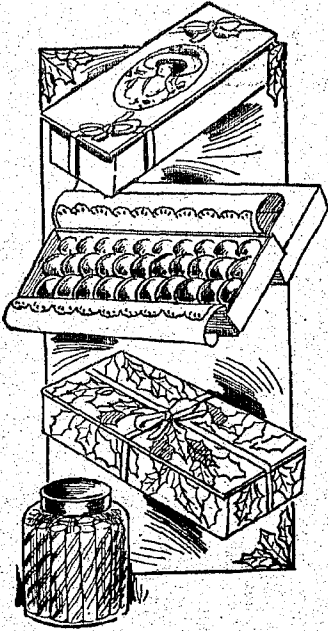
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Good Things to Eat

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## "TOM THUMB WEDDING."

School Children in One of Season's Best Entertainments.

Tom Thumb Wedding, or the Marriage of the Midgets, as presented at the High school auditorium last Friday night was attended by a packed house. Nearly five hundred persons were present.

For several weeks about fifty of our little folks from both schools and some who were to small to be in school, under direction of some of our teachers, were practicing the various parts of the play until Wednesday of last week

when Miss Myrtle Clark, representing The Rose Company of Kansas City, came with the costumes to make the final arrangements.

The play was one of the most pleasing that has been presented here this season and much credit is due the little folks and especially Miss Pearl, teacher of music and drawing, who drilled the little folks in their musical numbers and played all the accompaniments and other music during the play.

Teddy Wheeler and George Schroeder were the ushers and as each guest appeared, the "men" in dress suits

and "women" in party gowns, Miss Clark announced their names from the stage, giving the couple names of well known local people. This caused considerable merriment.

The first solo, "When I Dream of You," was sung by Francella Corwin, a "cousin of the bride." The next solo, "O Promise Me," was sung by Helen Wescott, another "cousin of the bride."

Then appeared the bridal party, Virginia Hanson was the bride, and of course was charming, just as all brides should be. Jimmie Jamison was the groom, and "wore the conventional black."

The maid of honor was Margrethe Hanson and best man was Junior Hanson. There were several flower girls, and the ring bearer was Elizabeth Hughes. Milton Hathaway in a ministerial voice tied the knot (7).

Following the ceremony Ruth McNevin sang "I Love You Truly," after which the bride and groom received the congratulations of the guests.

Dorothy Tennant sang "I Cannot Sing the Old Songs," and Junior Spies, as Grandfather Thumb, "Silver Threads Among the Gold."

The wedding banquet (real ice cream) was served by the flower girls. The three "Old Maids," Helen Sancier, Margaret Cripps and Ada Kidston then sang a song relating to their being spinsters from choice rather than from necessity.

"I'd Love to Live in Loveland" was sung by Genevieve Monteur and Edward Vanasse, the entire company repeating the chorus, after which the bridal party retired to the wedding march.

Mendelssohn's wedding march was played for the entrance and exit of the wedding party.

### Don't Neglect The Kidneys.

Do you take a kidney tablet once in a while, the same as you do a cathartic? If you don't, you should, because he kidneys are blood filters and need cleaning themselves the same as your bowels. Dr. Navann's Kidney Tablets are for this purpose and are for sale at Mr. Lewis' store. Samples will be sent on request by the Botanic Drug Co., Detroit, Mich.

### Nervous Women.

When the nervousness is caused by constipation, as is often the case, you will get quick relief by taking Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets also improve the digestion. Obtainable everywhere.

Basketball tomorrow night.

## Correspondence.

### Eldorado Nuggets.

Miss Mae Hartman returned to Detroit Friday.

The Roscommon-Mio stage is now being run with teams. Geo. Royce is driving the Roscommon end, and F. F. Donley, the Mio end.

At the meeting of the Eldorado Literary club Saturday evening, the following officers were elected: Fred Hartman, President; Harry Williams, Vice President; Mrs. Mattie Funach, Secretary; Miss Elizabeth Weber, Treas.; Mrs. Grace Punsch, Organist; and Boyd J. Punsch, Chairman of the program committee. It was found, after settling all expenses connected with the placing of the new floor in the school house and paying all the dance and social expenses, there was a balance of \$11.00 left from the proceeds of the social.

Burton Williams and Joseph Weber, Jr., left last week for Grayling, where they are employed.

### Coy News.

Geo. Royce is now carrying the mail from Roscommon to Eldorado for Mr. Frye.

John Floeter and wife, Mr. Lentz and Wm. Elliott spent Sunday evening with O. B. Scott and family.

Mr. Hollowell, who has been on the sick list, is slowly improving.

The Mothers' club will hold their annual meeting with Mrs. Frank Richardson, where they will entertain the men and serve supper.

Miss Beulah Barber was called to Detroit Saturday, on account of the illness of her brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Scott returned Monday from Deford, where they spent a few days with her father, Mr. Doughton.

Be sure and attend the entertainment at the Maple Grove school, Saturday, Dec. 23, where there will be a Christmas tree and program.

Miss Cecile Pearsall is spending a few days with Miss Dora Nolan.

Mike Smith of Detroit is spending a few days with Frank Richardson and family.

### Lovells.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Wakeley of Sigbee, spent Sunday with the latter's mother, Mrs. Hanna.

Mr. Worst of Aurora spent a few days at the Au Sable Ranch.

Ed. Feldhauser was a Lovells caller Tuesday.

Mrs. E. McCormick and Mrs. Hanna were Grayling callers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Parker and Miss Adams, all of Detroit, are enjoying a few days outing at the North Branch Outing Club, enjoying rabbit shooting around Lovells.

Mrs. J. Simms received a message announcing the death of a sister, Mrs. Oscar Bishopric.

Mrs. Griswold and children of Bay City are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Caid.

Mrs. Orlo Shreve spent a few days in Lovells with friends.

Edith Shreve returned to Grayling Friday.

Mr. Lee, the caretaker of Boutell's cottages returned to his home in Saginaw, Monday.

F. L. Mickelson of Johannesburg was a guest of the North Branch Outing club last week.

### Frederic School Notes.

Helen Johnson was absent Monday on account of illness.

Elmer Johnson and Isaac Gendron have entered school. Now we have about every boy and girl in the town and in the country going to school.

The boys and girls are fitting up a sitting room with a large fire place on the stage at the Opera house for their play to be given on Christmas night. Following are the characters: Misses Flora Malco, Jessie Reynolds, Anna Paris and Harry Reynolds, Liland Smock, Clyde McDermid and Arthur Callahan.

The Christmas entertainment will be given Dec. 22. Everybody welcome.

The High school business college is certainly living up to its expectations. Under the leadership of Miss Paris there are twelve are taking shorthand, and shorthand is far from an easy subject.

Miss Cameron had charge of the Monday morning exercises. Records loaned by Mrs. Pat Burke were played.

Miss Cornish is enthusiastic over her Civil government class and will organize another class later in the year which will be open to all High school pupils.

C. S. Barber, secretary of the school board has taken over the Sach meat market.

At the M. P. church Sunday night, Miss Erma Craven, Katie Brown, Bessie Brown, with Mae McDermid as organist led the musical program. Miss Paris, principal of the High school, sang a solo and Supt. Wood gave a talk on "The Game of Life." A good sized crowd was out.

Nothing on the grounds has given the children more pleasure than the swings. They are used summer and winter. Chains are being used now as ropes could not stand such usage.

We have a good strong team in basket ball this year. Our second game this season is with West Branch this week, Friday night.

The typewriting periods are being lengthened.

Miss Paris and Miss Cornish will visit their homes during Christmas week. They have put in good work and have earned their vacation.

Chas. Craven of the school board was in Flint most of last week, visiting his mother.

Supt. Wood was in Roscommon last Sunday.

# APPROPRIATE PRESENTS

## Your Xmas Patronage We Are After You

We are out for your Christmas trade, and intend to get it if we can. It is impossible to enumerate in this limited space the many inducements we offer you to favor us with your trade. A few only must suffice here.

Cheerful and courteous attention to all  
A full dollar's value for every dollar you spend  
Absolute truth as to quality of goods  
A large and varied stock to select from  
The very latest creations in all lines

We have many other arguments to advance toward securing your trade, but we wish to see you face to face to present them. Come in and let us convince you that this is the store that caters to your interests.

### Xmas Suggestions that are Worth While:

#### Candies

In candies we carry a full line of the well known

Morse's Candies and Johnson's Candies

We have these in bulk and in packages ranging in price from 25c to \$5 each.

#### Smokers' Articles

The finest line of domestic and imported cigars in Grayling, and always in prime condition.

All kinds of Smoking and Chewing Tobaccos, in the popular packages and in jars. Fragrant Briar Pipes, Meerchaum Pipes and other standard varieties.

Better place your orders for cigars early as some brands are hard to get. We will lay them aside until you want them.

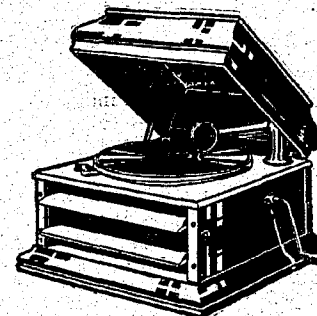
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#### Sporting Goods

Make the boys and girls happy Christmas by giving them some of these health and pleasure giving athletic goods. Here are a few for your consideration.

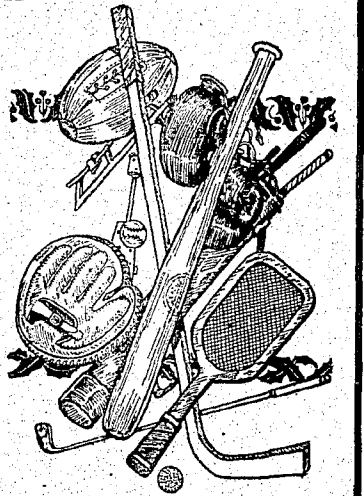


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### Fountain Drinks and Ice Cream

While down town shopping just remember to come in and enjoy some of our fountain drinks—cold or hot. Also remember that your Christmas dinner will not be complete without some of our World's Best Ice Cream. Place orders for Brick Ice Cream for Christmas on or before December 21st.

The above are but a few things that we have to offer for Christmas shoppers. We want you to come in and look, feeling assured you will find here many things that will be "just what you want."

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Land clearing is not the time consuming, money consuming, back breaking, heart breaking, never ending job it once was, if you get a Kirstin to do the work.

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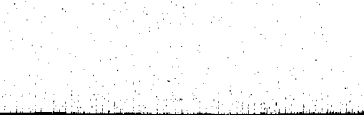
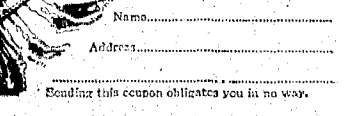
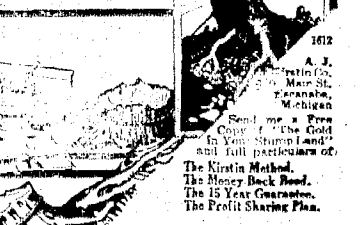
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Elegant carving sets—should be on every dining table.

Christmas cutlery—pocket knives, etc.

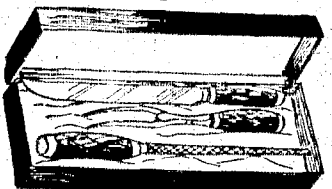
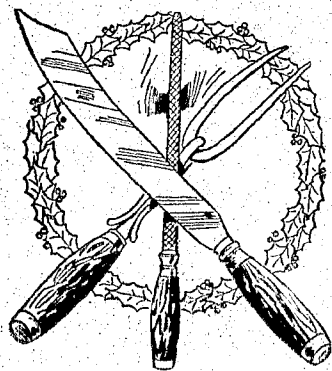
Silverware—many staple and fancy articles.

Shaving and Manicure sets.

Sleds, Skates, Skis, Air guns and light rifles.

Stoves and Ranges in Garlands Florence and Florence Hot Blast.

Fireless Cookers, and many other things that will make elegant and acceptable presents.



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PHONE 1222





# JUST TOO BUSY TO WRITE AN AD LAST WEEK

It sounds funny, doesn't it? Nevertheless it is true. I am a little late, but watch me. I certainly have many good things that you are looking for. They are now on exhibition. This store has many attractions in the way of Chinaware and many other things that are impossible to get at the price they will be sold at this store. The old saying "Better late than never" comes in quite acceptable at this time. Parents bring your children by all means to this store. A thousand and one things that will make you a merry Xmas and your hearts glad. Rejoice and be glad and thankful for what you have and can get when the nations abroad are experiencing at this time such serious calamities with their shortage reverses and and high prices. Come early and keep coming. Get the habit.

This is the time of year when everybody gets busy to please the family and children. That's why I missed that big ad—too busy to prepare.

## PREPAREDNESS

Yes, I again entreat you this Xmas to visit my store. In spite of high prices and scarcity of goods I am going to help make this a banner Xmas.

### Handkerchiefs

Ladies' and children's handkerchiefs 3, 5, 8, 10, 15 and 25c; are useful presents for holidays. Notice this attraction a few days before Christmas—the Handkerchief window exclusive. Also showing a full line of Men's Handkerchiefs.

### Lace Collars

Ladies' Lace Collars and Lace Bonnets at 25, 38 and 50c—elaborate line. Silk headthrows, also a line of wool fascinators, black and white, 35 and 50c, are useful if not ornamental.

### Hosiery

Ladies' cotton and silk hosiery always an acceptable present, especially at this time when prices are soaring higher.



Champaign, black, gray and white at 36c, 50c and \$1.00. Angora knit toques and scarfs to match. Colors—white, green, grays, tans, \$1.00, actually worth \$1.50 at the present writing.

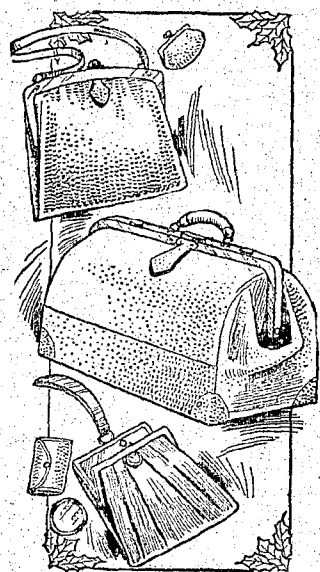
### Ladies' Cloaks

Ladies, as the mid-winter season advances this is the time to get your cloaks. These make a very acceptable present. Consist of plushes, velour, wide skirt effect and beautifully trimmed. Prices from \$8.85 to \$25.00. As the stock is unusually large at this time, I wish to announce I am going to inaugurate a little cut and slash on these garments to make things move a little more rapidly during the holiday season. To the small or extremely large, this is a good time to come in and talk it over during the holidays, and get the benefit of a low price.

A few ladies very attractive suits, in the late shades that I am offering you at a cut price. It would be well for you to examine them.

### Handbags

Beautiful line of ladies handbags from 98c to \$2.50. The latest designs in leather.



### Towels

Turkish towels, fancy borders, 25c and 50c, useful as well as ornamental. A few pieces of table Damask I wish to close out at a sacrifice.

### Ribbon

Holiday ribbon 10c per bolt, also extra qualities in holiday ribbon in wrapping boxes, 5 and 10c per yard.

### Ladies' and Gents, Handbags

Ladies' and gent's, handbags, blacks and browns, also suit cases. A good line just received to select from. Very useful as a present.

### Party Slippers and Shoes

Beautiful line of party slippers, Hawaiian brown, black and grays; also the white satin slippers. Shoes, latest styles shown. All the late shades in two-tones, high cuts, lace, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$5.85. These shoes were not early and competition cannot beat me on these prices. Ladies' Felt Slippers.

### Holiday Suspenders

To the men: Nice line of Holiday Suspenders, Ties and Hose supporters in Xmas boxes, making a very acceptable present—25, 35 and 50c.

### Slippers

Holiday slippers in velvet and leather for the men, make a very useful present, prices ranging as last year. Scarf pins, cuff buttons and links, very pretty designs for 25c, 50c and \$1.00.

### Shoes

No better or complete line shown from Bay City to Grayling than this store shows. Prices that are backed up by quality.

### Overcoats

Black Kersey, Astorian trimmed, worth \$15.00, for \$11.85.

### Mackinaws and Caps

A few boys' Mackinaws, fancy plaids, \$3.45 and \$3.68. Make a very useful present. Men's and boys' caps, 50c to 75c and \$1.00.

### Men's Ties

Men's ties 25c, 35c, 50c and 75c. Are all values that can hardly be duplicated.

Busy shoppers do not wait until the last moment to purchase your goods. Goods laid away by making a small payment on them.

### Dishes and Toys

China dishes, celery trays, 50c, 75c and \$1.00. Beautiful decorated fruit dishes, China cups and saucers, also numerous things consisting of drums, play trunks, teddy bears, China dolls and doll heads and linen A B C blocks.

### Rugs and Aprons

Fancy floor rugs \$1.40 and \$1.98. Fancy muslin aprons, embroidered and lace trimmed.

### To Those Who Have Fur To Sell

I think I am safe in saying I have had the largest shipment that has been sent out of Grayling this year at one time. I will pay you the highest market price for the same from this on. Those having furs to sell for the holidays bring them in and you will receive liberal offers.

### Wash Waists

Ladies' wash waists, voiles, embroidered, lace trimmed, from 75c to \$1.25.



Beautiful line of silk waists just received from New York special for the holidays. Georgette crepe, white, flesh color, lemon, also the late satin stripes, very popular. Sizes are complete. Prices from \$2.69 to \$5.00. Delicate designs and elaborately trimmed.

### Baby Coats

Mothers, here is a chance to make a selection from white corduroy and corded coats for your baby at \$2.45 and \$2.98. For the older children I have a few from the ages of 5 to 14, in velvets, baby lamb, Astorian and basket weaves, light and dark shades, from \$1.98 to \$3.98.

### Notice

Would advise early trading. Articles once sold can not be duplicated in most cases.

### Local News

It's only a poor sport that crows after he has won.

Mrs. C. F. Underhill of Lovells, who is at Mercy hospital, is reported as being slightly improved.

Division Supt. D. W. Donohue made his first official visit here Monday since his appointment office.

Headquarters for Xmas candies and nuts. Biggest assortment of pure candy in town. Coffee & Tea Store.

Uniform Rank K of P. drill at School gymnasium Monday evening at 7:30 p. m. Members please be present.

Drop a little money into the community tree mite boxes. We will enjoy it more if we have a little financial interest.

The Odd Fellows invited their friends to a dancing party Tuesday night, at Temple theatre. About sixty couple were present and enjoyed a good time.

The "Rejuvenation," a three act comedy drama will be presented at the Temple theatre Jan. 17th, by the Lyceum players. This will be given under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias.

Mrs. J. E. Crowley, who has been conducting a Millinery store in the Olson building, will move into the building formerly occupied by the Hanson Baking Co., as a dressroom, and will continue her business there.

Edward Barnes, who was sentenced to Ingham prison from Crawford county two years ago, broke his parole and was taken back to prison Tuesday by an officer from that institution. He had been drunk and fighting at Fredrick when Sheriff Cody was called to take him in.

Books will solve half your Christmas problems. Call early while our selection is complete. Sorenson Bros.

The condition of wheat as compared with an average per cent, is 86 in the State, 84 in the southern counties, 89 in the central counties, 92 in the northern counties and 85 in the Upper Peninsula. One year ago the per cent, was 85 in the State, 83 in the southern counties, 84 in the central counties, 91 in the northern counties and 95 in the Upper Peninsula.

Don't forget Saturday night December 23 will be the opening night of the Community Christmas tree. Program will begin at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody be on hand and enjoy this festive occasion. Those from out of the city are most cordially welcome. Funds to defray expenses of the tree are being collected by free-will offering placed in the mite boxes in our stores and offices.

### Drs. Insley & Keyport Physicians & Surgeons

Office over Lewis & Co's. Drug Store.  
Office Hours—2-4, 7-8 p. m. Mornings and Sundays by appointment.  
Residence on Peninsular Avenue, opposite G. A. R. Hall.

### Bank of Grayling.

Successor to Crawford County Exchange Bank.  
MARIUS HANSON  
PROPRIETOR.  
Interest paid on certificates of deposit. Call on us promptly attended to. All accommodations extended that are consistent with safe and conservative banking.  
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Over Alexander's Law Office on Michigan Avenue.  
Office hours: 8:30-11 a. m. 1-3:30 p. m.

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### O. P. Schumann Justice of the Peace

At Avalanche Office

As this is my third Christmas in Grayling and am trying to make this the Santa Claus headquarters. Wish-ing you one and all a Merry, Merry Christmas at this time.

I am yours to please,

# Frank Dreese

Lemon Colored Store (but mind you not a lemon) on the hill opposite the jail, Grayling, Michigan



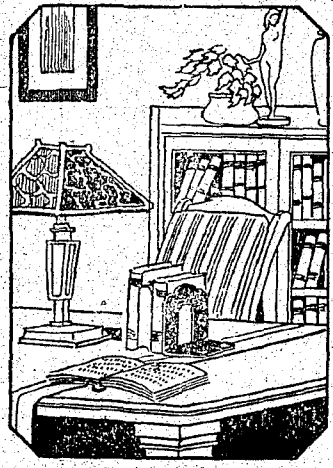


## USEFUL and ECONOMICAL

### Drug Store Offerings for Christmas

Our Christmas offerings are both useful and ornamental. They are also **ECONOMICAL**. They will pay for themselves in satisfactory service a hundred times over. They are presents that will appeal to the solid sense of the recipient every time they are used. They will be **APPRECIATED** gifts.

Some one in the family—or a friend—will more than appreciate any one of these articles, the prices of which have been marked right down to the limit to begin with:



#### Books

We just received a new supply of the latest and most desirable books, including special Xmas editions, poems, etc.

#### Safety Razors

Make him a present of a fine safety razor. He will not only enjoy the use of one but will also save money by shaving himself—soon save the cost.

#### White Ivory

In these you may find articles that will please any member of the family. They are necessary and lasting articles for every home.

#### Perfumes and Toilet Articles

There are no perfumes to excel Palmer's. We have all the other well known makes in many odors. Toilet Waters in beautiful packages. Make fine presents.

#### Cigars, Pipes and Tobaccos

Choices: imported Key West and Havana Cigars and a choice collection of domestic brands. We offer these in full or broken boxes. Upon request we will gladly assist the ladies in making selections for their husbands or gentlemen friends.

We have all the leading brands of Cigarettes. You will find here your favorite brand of tobaccos. To those who enjoy their pipe, we offer a nice selection of fragrant Briar and Meerchaum Pipes.



#### Candies

The famous Gilbert's chocolates and other well known brands. Clean, pure, creamy and crispy candy, that is enjoyed by old and young. Just the kind for little children—it won't hurt them and **THEY LIKE IT**.

Sold in fancy Christmas boxes and in bulk. Candy is hard to get just at present and we suggest that you order your supply at once. If you cannot come down, telephone your wants. Phone 18.

#### Cameras

To please that young member of the family nothing will appeal like a high grade camera. These are very useful articles in every home—history recorders. Several styles sizes and prices.



#### Scheaffer Fountain Pens

A lasting and appreciative gift to a good friend would be one of our self-filling Scheaffer Fountain Pens. They are the best pens made and fully guaranteed. Several sizes and prices.

If you will come into our store we will be able to interest you in hundreds of good and useful articles that may be **JUST** what you want to use as a Christmas gift. Come in and see.

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Phone 18

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Why wait days for your purchase to arrive when you can take it home with you by buying here?

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### Local News

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 14

Now, all together! "Buy it at home this Christmas."

Have you seen the new stock of Gift Glass at Hathaway's?

Special line of candy for Xmas trade. Holliday's Bazaar.

Make yourself a Xmas present of a pair of glasses from Hathaway's.

Brooches are it this year. A fine line in solid gold from \$2.50 up, at Hathaway's.

Ask for our big specials in Children's books, only 10 cents.

Sorenson Bros.

Miss Frida Olson spent Sunday and Monday, the guest of Miss Irene LaSprance in Bay City.

Postmaster John F. Hum was in Detroit on business the first of the week. He returned home Tuesday.

Why not come here for your Xmas candy, and let us mix some good home made candy in with the other.

Coffee & Tea Store.

Mrs. Emil Kraus returned here last Saturday, after a month's visit with her mother, Mrs. Lennon, in Hurley, Wis.

Toys for a penny, nickel or dime. No reasons for being without Christmas gifts. Visit our store. Sorenson Bros.

A watch would make the best kind of a Xmas present. You will find a large stock at Hathaway's at right prices.

Don't poo-hoo at something you don't understand. There's always some one wiser than you who can see the point.

The biggest value we have ever offered our subscribers is the Avalanche and four standard magazines, all one year, for only \$1.75.

But a few couples attended the dance at the Temple theatre last Saturday night. Those present had a very enjoyable time.

Miss Maude Tetu, who has been in Bay City for several months returned home last Saturday evening, to remain until after Christmas.

Taxes are now due and the rolls for the collection of state and county taxes are now at the Bank of Grayling, ready to receive payments.

Fathers Nye of Mackinaw, Jagnan of Cheboygan and Lefebvre of Cadillac were guests at St. Mary's Rectory during the course of this week.

Do you know you can get four standard magazines in combination with the Avalanche by paying only 25 cents extra. Send in your order today.

Mr. and Mrs. John N. Riess of Ludington, returned last Saturday afternoon to their home, after spending a week here visiting their son, Father John J. Riess.

Among your appropriations for Christmas please include Red Cross seals among your list of purchases. Every one you send out is a BULLET against tuberculosis.

Einar Jorgensen entertained the members of his Confirmation class very nicely at his home last Saturday evening. Contests and games were enjoyed by the young folks, after which refreshments were served.

We certainly appreciate the way our subscribers are renewing their subscriptions since we have been offering four big magazines for only 25 cents extra. If you haven't sent us your renewal do it now and get these magazines for one year.

A number of parishioners of St. Mary's church gave a party last Wednesday night at the parsonage, for the parents of Fr. Riess, who had been spending the week here visiting their son. Cards were a pleasant pastime for the evening.

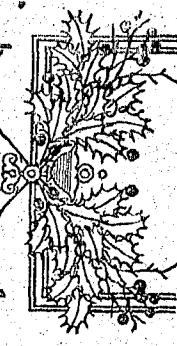
Ranf Bros. show, a comedy, novelty and vaudeville entertainment with a complete change of performance every night, will appear at the Temple theatre, three nights, commencing Thursday, Dec. 14th. Their price of admission will be 10 and 20 cents.

The Epworth league members were nicely entertained by Miss Wilma Spies at her home Wednesday evening of last week. Rev. Mitchell made the evening most pleasant by his presence. Refreshments were served by Miss Spies at the close of the evening.

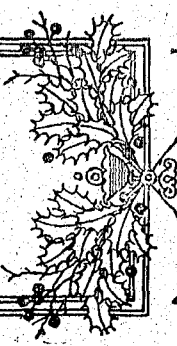
Books to give at Christmas time? "When a Man is a Man," "The Man and the Moment," "The Calling of Dan Matthews," "The Palace of Darkened Windows," "The Winning of Barbara Worth," "A Girl of the Limber Lost," "The Shepherd of the Hill." These books are for sale at Sorenson Bros.

Father Riess left last Tuesday afternoon for Pinconning to attend the funeral of Father Langlois. Father Langlois was well known to the old residents of Grayling. He frequently assisted Father Webber here while Grayling was still a mission. Father Langlois died Sunday night and the funeral was held on Wednesday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

Will Wingard was given the biggest surprise of his life, when last Saturday, which was the occasion of his fourteenth birthday anniversary, twelve of his friends, boys and girls came to his home to help him celebrate the event. They came at 7:30 and for several hours enjoyed themselves in a social way. Mrs. Wingard prepared a scrumptious luncheon, which was enjoyed at 10:00 o'clock. Mr. Wingard wound up the evening by taking a picture of the group.



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### Holiday Neckwear

The finest and largest selection of Holiday Neckwear for men that we have ever shown

25c, 50c, \$1.00, \$1.50



### Men's Kid Gloves

Lined or unlined, in gray and brown

**\$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50**

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In kid or cape kid and chamois

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### Stylish Coats

We still have a good selection of stylish Coats and Suits for women, and very moderately priced.

### Ladies' Waists

Ladies' Waists in Welworth and Wirthnor styles

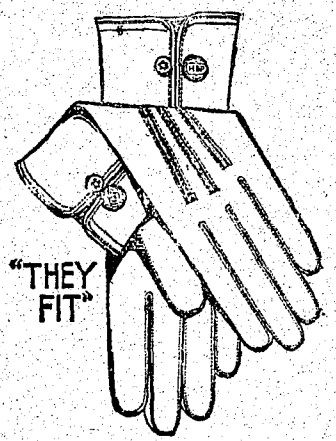
**\$1, \$2 and up to \$4**

### Party Slippers

Ladies' Party Slippers in dull kid, patent and satin

**\$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00**

### H&P GLOVES



### Handkerchiefs

A wonderful array of Handkerchiefs. They are always in demand and make a useful gift

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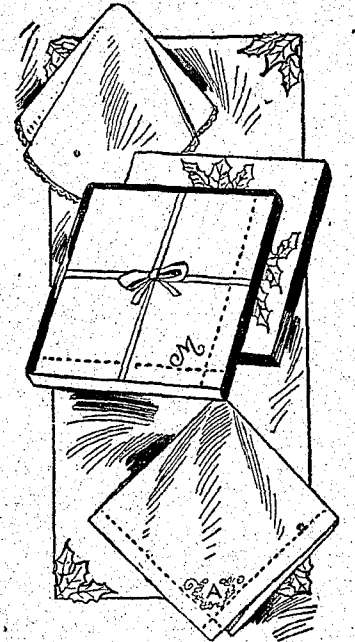
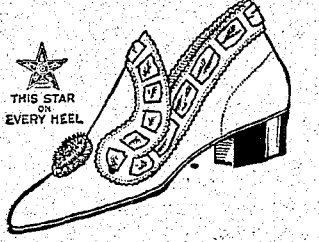
Cuff Links ..... 50c  
Cuff Link Sets ..... \$1.50  
Scarf Pins ..... 50c

### Men's House Slippers

**75c to \$2.00**

### Comfy Slippers for Gifts

Felt Slippers of all kinds for children, women and men. Boudoir slippers in black, red and blue.



**Shoes! Shoes!! Shoes!!!**

If you want a square deal, do your shoe buying here. Only all leather shoes with a guarantee back of every pair. We bought more than usual last spring and consequently can save you the advance which other stores are getting.



Do Your Christmas Shopping Here

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THE QUALITY STORE

## TREES AND DECORATIONS



The place to buy Christmas Tree Trimmings, Toys, Dolls, Stationery and Holly Boxes, all sizes, and a full line of Aluminum Goods is at

**Holliday's Bazaar**



# The Quarterbreed

An Indian Reservation Tale by ROBERT AMES BENNET

The three preceding installments described the rescue of a quarterbreed girl and two men from an Indian attack at the edge of Lakotah Indian reservation by Capt. Floyd Hardy, U. S. A., the new Indian agent. The rescued ones are Reginald Vandervyn, nephew of United States Senator Clemmer and agency clerk, Jacques Dupont, post trader, and his daughter, Marie. Vandervyn tells Hardy of disaffection among the Indians, of the murder of Nogen, the last agent, and of his having been promised the agency. Hardy calls a council of head tribesmen. Redbear, the halfbreed interpreter, brings his pretty sister, Olnna, to the valley. The new agent learns that the Indians have been cheated and has reason to suspect Dupont and Vandervyn of crookedness. He plans to square matters with the tribesmen. How Captain Hardy is thwarted in his purpose, how his life is endangered, how Vandervyn shows his true character, is told in very absorbing style in this installment.

## CHAPTER VI—Continued.

Unseen by his superior, Vandervyn nodded encouragingly to Redbear and smiled at the Indians. Hardy had not turned his steady gaze from Ti-owa-konza.

"The chief is not angry," he said. "He shall soon be friends. Tell him that I come in peace, with a good heart toward all the tribe. I do not blame the killing of Mr. Nogen on the tribe. If white men have done any wrong to the tribe, I shall stop the wrongdoing. If there are any members of the tribe who are doing wrong, the chiefs should help me make all do right."

This time Redbear did not hesitate. He faced the assembly and rolled out a flood of Lakotah with desperate rapidity. Almost immediately Ti-owa-konza rose to reply, his face ablaze with indignation, his voice impassioned. When he had spoken, he remained standing.

"He says he is angry," began Redbear.

"No," brusquely contradicted Hardy. "Look at his face. The others are angered. He is not. There is some misunderstanding. Be careful that you interpret correctly."

"He says he is angry," insisted Redbear, his sidelong glance looking past Hardy to Vandervyn, who was nodding reassuringly. "He says he is trying to keep it inside, but the others can't hold it inside. He says you have got to go away or there will be fighting."

Hardy straightened on his chair, and his look became severe. He spoke



Ti-owa-konza rose to reply, his face ablaze with indignation.

sharply: "Tell the chief it is useless to ask me to go away. I do not wish to send for the Longknives. But they will come and fight the tribe if there is any uprising."

Redbear's interpretation was followed by a bush more threatening than gestures or outcries. Vandervyn hastily beckoned to the policemen. They came along under the overhang of the warehouse until they were behind the white men. Hardy heard the soft shuffle of their moccasined feet in the dust. He looked around and frowned.

"How is this?" he demanded. "I particularly wished no demonstration of force," said Hardy.

"Well, since the police are here, hadn't you better let them stay? It will be close enough work if matters come to a scrap, and there's Marie out to see the fun."

Hardy turned around to look at the daring girl. She stood on a slight knoll midway between the assembled Indians and her father's cabin.

"Take her back to the house," he ordered.

"But would it be wise for me to leave you and Charlie just now? The police may not stay loyal if—"

"Go!" The command was peremptory. Vandervyn started off, yet contrived to exchange glances with Redbear. Hardy studied the semicircle of waiting Indians with a resolute gaze, and as before, fixed his attention upon Ti-owa-konza.

"We must learn what is the cause of this ill feeling," he remarked to the halfbreed. "Ask them why they are opposed to their young men trading over for Dupont's goods."

Redbear spoke slowly to the Indians, his manner not unlike that of a man who approaches a barrel of gunpowder with a lighted torch. There was no explosion, but the old head chief flared with unmistakable anger. He replied with a "y" declaration, that word of approval from his fellows.

The halfbreed's voice was unsteady as he interpreted: "He—he says there shall be no more barter of ore. He says all over again that this is the land of his tribe, and white men have no right here, and he hates all Longknives."

"Tell him that he is mistaken. The soldiers have always been the best friends of the Indians. I find that, after next spring, no more food and goods are to be issued to the tribe. Sooner or later, white men will come and take the ore if the Indians do not dig it themselves. Another thing, I believe the tribe should agree to the dividing up of their land, so that each

head of a family can have his own farm and work it after the manner of the white men. Other tribes have done this, and they are no longer poor."

Redbear hesitated, stepped more aside from Hardy, and began to pour out a torrent of Lakotah. He had spoken only a few sentences when a wave of agitation passed over the semicircle of Indians. Blankets slipped down from copper-red shoulders; fierce eyes glared menacingly at Hardy. Several of the more excitable bucks leaped up with bow and rifle in hand.

Hardy thrust out from among the police and raised his hands to Ti-owa-konza in the peace sign. The head chief called to his fellows and turned his back upon the agent with deliberate contempt. All the others fixed about and followed him to the waiting ponies. The band mounted and rode off up the valley in morose silence.

## CHAPTER VII.

### The Common Law.

There was still more than a trace of red in Hardy's sallow cheeks when Marie, Vandervyn and Dupont came in upon him at the office. Dupont held out a congratulatory hand.

"By gosh, Cap," he said, "you sure had a mighty close squeak of it that time. Guess old Ti got all-fired hot. Where's Charlie?"

"Redbear? I sent him to reassure his sister and the families of the police."

"That was very thoughtful of you, captain," said Marie.

"But it would be far more considerate if you would leave the reservation," added Vandervyn.

"How so?" queried Hardy.

"Of course, you'll fancy I am thinking of my promotion. But it's not that at all. Ask Jake."

"I got it from the piece," said Dupont. "The whole bunch was crazy to shoot you; they'd done it, too, only Charlie sings out to 'em that Mr. Van was going to be agent, and you'd go away."

"He said that?"

"Oh, captain, don't be angry at Charlie," interceded Marie. "He had to do it to save a fight."

"But why? I could not have been more friendly. Yet everything I said seemed to anger them."

"I told you they're a fiery bunch," replied Dupont. "It was for because you being an officer. The chiefs hate all soldiers like pizen. Most of the old ones was in the ghost-dance craze, and got falled by the soldiers."

"They may cool down and be willing to listen to reason," argued Hardy.

"Cool down? They'll go back and sit and stew and stew till hell boils over. Next thing happens, they'll stir up the young bucks. Nom d'un chien! Just when I was getting enough ahead in my business to take care of my old age and give Marie a chance to be a lady—to stand to lose everything and her and my scalp to boot!"

"You are free to leave here with her whenever you wish."

"No, I ain't. I can't leave my store—all my property."

"There would be no danger if it were not for you," said Marie, her eyes flashing with indignation. "If only you had not come here! If there is an outbreak, it will be all your fault!"

"Mine?"

"Oh, I know you mean well. But if they've taken this violent dislike to you—Why ever did you come? You saw how they like Mr. Van. Had they thought you would insist on anything, nothing could have kept them from attacking you. But the promise that Mr. Van is to be their agent, that puts them. Had you never come here, all this would not have happened. The chiefs would have come to talk with Mr. Van, and would have gone back satisfied."

Hardy swung around in his chair to scrutinize the guileless face of Vandervyn.

"What do you say to that, sir?" he interrogated.

"What can I say?" replied Vandervyn, twisting the tip of his blond mustache. "It is for you to decide to leave for the good of the tribe, or to stay and take the chance of an uprising."

"The way you put it—"

Hardy. "Perhaps it might be better for all concerned if I should leave."

"You bet it would, Cap," eagerly broke in Dupont. "Tain't no joke. Them ornery cusses 'll git you like they done with Nogen, just as sure as shooting."

Vandervyn shot a furious glance at the blunderer. Marie was looking at Hardy. But she did not need to see the tightening of his lips to realize what her father had done.

"Oh, Pere!" she reproached. "Why did you say it? You should have known Captain Hardy could not leave after that."

"Quite right, Miss Dupont," said Hardy.

"You mean, you won't leave?" asked Dupont.

"How can he?" Vandervyn smoothly cut in. "You've put it up to him that it would be deserting his post under fire. He's an army officer—he wouldn't leave now even if he knew his staying here meant certain massacre for us

all, followed by certain massacre of the tribe by the troops."

"I will remain until I have made at least one more effort to pacify the tribe," replied Hardy. "You are at liberty to resign whenever you please. Mr. Dupont has ample time to remove his goods and his daughter from the reservation."

"Not me," declared Marie; "I don't care what Pere and Reggie say; I know there is not one of the tribe who would harm me, even in an outbreak."

"Well, nebbie not," admitted her father.

"I gather that I am the only person who seers to be endangered," remarked Hardy. "This being so, I will wait a few days for the excitement to subside, and will then call another council."

"They won't come ag'in to meet you," predicted Dupont.

"Then I shall go to them."

"Into the mountains, captain?" exclaimed Marie, her splendid eyes widening with concern. "Surely you will not venture among the camps."

"The tribe must learn that I mean friendship."

Dupont paused to scratch the side of his head. But Vandervyn spoke without an instant's hesitancy: "You have no right to throw your life away uselessly, captain. Suppose Charlie and I make a trip to the camps, to see if we cannot quiet the tribe and talk the chiefs into giving you another hearing? If you have no objection, we could tell them that you cannot leave just now, but that you will do so as soon as you have tried to benefit them."

"And that Mr. Van'll be next agent," added Dupont.

"Will you tell them that I am here to help them and to be their friend?" queried Hardy.

"Trust me to put it to them strong, captain," assured Vandervyn. "I know you'll play fair by resigning in my favor as soon as you have the tribe in hand."

"After I have done what I can do to improve conditions among them," qualified Hardy.

"I do so hope Mr. Van can persuade them to be friendly with you," said Marie. "I know he and Charlie will be perfectly safe. But it will be hard to talk them out of their strange dislike to you. When will you start, Reggie?"

"Early tomorrow morning, if the captain has no objections."

"The sooner the better," agreed Hardy.

"I'll go and remove my council costume," said Vandervyn, smiling at his irreproachable frock coat.

Marie and her father rose with him. Hardy bowed out the girl and returned to his desk. He was deep in the midst of a report on the tribe when, half an hour later, Vandervyn returned to the office in his riding togs.

"Charlie may not come back this afternoon," he remarked. "I thought I might ride down and tell him about the trip. I could fetch your mare for you."

"Very well. I shall be obliged," replied Hardy, and he returned to his study of the report.

Vandervyn rode down along the far side of the stream, keeping the thickets as much as possible between himself and the Dupont house. He did not recross the creek until he was opposite Redbear's home. He found the cabin door closed. But at a slight movement of the window curtains his hand went up to beckon with a lordly gesture. There was a short pause. Then the door opened a scant inch.

"Hello!" he said. "Where's your brother?"

"He has—has gone to tell the police families."

"On the agent's mare," guessed Vandervyn.

"Please—he didn't mean any harm—please don't tell on him."

"That depends," replied Vandervyn. "Do you think I care to favor him when you act as if you hate me?"

"Hate? No, no," the door opened several inches and as suddenly closed to a narrow crack.

But Vandervyn had caught a glimpse of the girl's blushing face. His voice dropped to a caressing tone: "You're not afraid of me, are you, just because I wanted a kiss? Come out here and talk. I won't bite you."

"You promise not to—"

"Not unless you wish me to."

"But—but I do!" came back the plaintive confession.

Impulsively he started to swing off his pony. The cabin door shut with a bang. He straightened in the saddle, waited a long moment, frowned heavily, and started to ride away.

From the window came a plaintive cry: "Oh, please, please!"

He deliberately dismounted, flung the reins over his horse's head, and walked to the opened window. The eager, frightened face within blushed scarlet and shrank back. He stopped short.

"See here," he admonished. "If you're going to be silly, I shall go away for good. You've got the door barred, and you know I shall not try to crawl in at a hole like this."

"I—I won't be," she faltered.

"That's better," he said, and he reached in to slip his arm around her trembling shoulders.

Shrinking yet yielding, with eyes timidly downcast and olive cheeks burning with blissful shame, the young girl allowed him to draw her closer. Her lips quivered, yet she raised them to meet his kiss.

"There!" he rallied. "Was it so dreadful?"

She did not answer; she could not. Her head drooped forward with the instinctive modesty of an innocent young girl. He put the forefinger of his free hand under her chin and raised her head to take a second kiss.

"One good turn deserves another, sweetheart," he said.

"You should not—not call me that," she whispered. "You are a gentleman white man; I am only a halfbreed—I'm yellow as a Chinaman."

"No—golden. You are my golden girl. Your cheeks are wild roses and honey gold. Your eyes are like a fawn's; your lips sweet as honey—"

Another kiss—There, that's more like it. You're learning how. Now look at me."

She raised her drooping lids with the sudden, desperate courage of one who is very shy, and gazed up at him. Her tender eyes starlike with the soft glow of her love and adoration.

"You—you really like me?" she whispered.

"No, I hate you like poor Lo hates freewater. Give him a taste, and he wants it all. I want you."

"Charlie—he said I must marry a white man. I am joyed in my heart—"

"You say you want me! But I am only a halfbreed girl, and you—"

"You're my honey-sweet girl. Go and open the door."

She looked up at him again full and direct, and his gaze sank before the trust in her clear eyes.

"You want me to be your engaged girl?" she murmured. "When people are engaged, they are going to be married. Charlie said I must marry a white man, a good white man. You are kind to me. It is wonderful. I have read that even army officers have married halfbreed girls. But you are grander than any officer, and you are very good to think of marrying me."

Vandervyn forced a smile, and replied to her adulation without meeting her enraptured gaze.

"What else did you think I meant when I kissed you? Of course we shall be married. As we are here on the reservation, it will be according to the custom of the tribe."

"Married? Oh, my heart sings!" cried the girl. "I will be your wife—yours! I can't believe it—There comes Charlie. I must run and tell him."

Vandervyn hastily released her, and drew his arm out of the window as he looked around.

"Wait!" he commanded. "He's coming fast enough. Leave the door barred."

The halfbreed was racing Hardy's mare up the creek bank at a furious gallop. He flung himself out of the saddle and advanced upon Vandervyn, his face dark with suspicion.

"What you saying to my sister?" he demanded.

The white man met his threatening look with a half-contemptuous, half-amused smile.

"I've been showing the girl what I think of her," he replied.

Redbear came to a sudden halt. The muscles of his face began to twitch.

"Oh, Charlie!" reproached Olnna. "What makes you look at him that way? Why don't you thank him?"

She unbarricaded the door and stepped outside.

"For what?" questioned her brother in a harsh, strained voice.

"Because he is going to be my man—going to take me for his wife."

"Marry you? Olnna—you? The halfbreed could not believe his ears. Through his dazed shot a flash of angry suspicion. "But you—you won't marry her?"

Vandervyn smiled in his careless manner.

"Oh, I guess yes."

"You'll marry her? You'll take her to town and marry her like white people?"

"I'll marry her as some white people marry. I'll not take her to town. Olnna and I have agreed to be married according to tribal custom."

Again Redbear's weak face darkened with suspicion and anger. "I won't have it. You're white, and Olnna is half white. White people don't marry Indian fashion."

"You know a lot about it, Charlie. Haven't you ever heard of common-law marriages? Lots of white people get married that way."

"What way?"

"You must know about it. Instead of going to a lot of fuss and bother over ministers and licenses, many



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people just take each other for husband and wife and go to housekeeping."

"Is—is that a real white people's marriage?" asked Olnna.

Vandervyn frowned. "You don't think I'm lying, do you? Why, you often see in the newspapers about common-law wives getting their share of their dead husbands' estates, just the same as if they had gone through all the fuss of weddings. Ask Hardy if that does not often happen."

"Well, if it's a real marriage—"

muttered Redbear.

"Of course it is, Charlie, if he says so!" cried Olnna capriciously.

Her brother's face glowed with sudden uncontrolled exultance. He stammered almost incoherently: "Then you—Marie—you don't marry—don't marry Marie?"

"No," replied Vandervyn, and his voice rang clear. "I have no intention of marrying her."

"Maybe Marie'll like me now, when I tell her you are going to be my brother," sighed Redbear.

Vandervyn laid a brotherly hand on his shoulder. "Hold on, boy!" he said. "You let me manage things. You know that Marie thinks she likes me. But now Hardy is here, and he wants her. If she hears that I have thrown her over, she will run off with him."

"She don't like him."

"What if she doesn't! He's an army officer. He has money, and when he goes from here he will wear his uniform, all gilt and spangles. You know how the girls like that. No—I tell you there's not the ghost of a show for you until he is out of the way. Our little bluff didn't work. He says he is going to stay. So for a while you and Olnna must keep still about the marriage. Tomorrow morning you and I are going into the mountains to talk with the chiefs. Olnna will go with me. But it must be understood at the agency that you have sent her to—"

"Who could you send her to?"

"Ti-owa-konza is our mother's father. Not even Mr. Dupont knows that," said Redbear. "Before he came here, she ran off with a bad white man. They went to the Blackfeet. After a time he got an arrow through his back. My mother came home. Ti-owa-konza would not see her face. She had to work for the agent till they made us go away to school. Then she died."

"Old Thunderbolt your grandfather?" remarked Vandervyn, seizing upon that one fact in the squalid tragedy. "Does he know it?"

"I told him so today. He said my face—But maybe he will come to like me. He said to bring Olnna for him to look at her."

"That's great! We'll tell it to everybody. But remember, not a word about the marriage until after we get rid of Hardy and I am agent. Then things will go all right for all of us. You savvy that, Charlie? While you rub down the mare I'll go in and say good-bye until tomorrow morning."

## CHAPTER VII.

### Best-Laid Schemes.

Hardy had gone to the Duponts' for supper when Vandervyn returned to the agency. He made a hasty toilet and followed. Marie met him with marked coldness. This, however, melted before he had finished his report to Hardy. All agreed that the old chief probably would take a fancy to Olnna, and that, as a result, there would be a fair chance of pacifying the tribe.

When Hardy turned to the girl, he found her and Vandervyn exchanging glances and murmuring remarks. His habitual gravity softened to a smile of wistful sadness. At the first opportunity he excused himself. Midnight had passed before the light in the little cliffed parlor of the Dupont house was extinguished.

When, at sunrise, Hardy went for breakfast, Marie's eyes were very bright and her look was pensive. She ate little, and her manner toward Hardy was cold and ungracious.

After the officer left, Dupont squinted across the table at her and began to scratch his head.

"You and Mr. Van burned a lot of coal oil last night. He didn't git far enough along to ask you to hitch up with him, did he?"

A red blush flamed in the girl's cheeks. Without looking up, she murmured a regretful "No."

"Guess he figures he'll wait and see if Hardy is going to bust us up. Like as not he'll skip back east if Hardy gets sore and chokes off our hold on the mine."

"What do you mean? He'd send Reggie away. The stiff, solemn old fogey—I hate him!"

"Easy, easy, girl!" soothed Dupont. "No use plunging when you're hitched to the snubbing post. Just now he's got us roped. He'll have us all hogtied if we go to bucking. We've got to make him think we're gentled."

"What if we act toward him as we feel?"

"You don't savvy about that mine. Me and Nogen discovered it and paid honest for developing it, as you know. Well, we let Mr. Van in on it. Then Nogen up and got killed. That makes it half and half between me and Mr. Van, according to all that's fair and square. But do you believe Hardy will look at it that way? Not by a considerable. He'll talk about it being the tribe's, just because it's on the reservation."

"I see." The girl's eyes flashed, and her nostrils dilated. "He will rob you and Reggie of a fortune—yet you wish me to be nice to him!"

"You bet I do! Can't you git the point? He ain't going to be bluffed into quitting. That means we got to make friends with him or lose the mine."

"Oh! So that is it?"

"Yep. Worst of it is he's one of them there fellows what stand so straight they lean backwards. We talked to him about how it would help the tribe if he joined us in opening the mine. He was mighty offish. Guess we'll have to give him Nogen's third to get him into our camp."

"What a shame! The mine is yours and Reggie's. He hasn't done a thing toward developing it."

"I know. But he's the agent. He's got us roped. He can rob us of our mine if we don't make friends with him. Now do you savvy?"

The girl's thick black eyebrows met in a frown of vexation. "If he is a man whose friendship must be bought, I do not wish to be pleasant to him."

"It's business, Marie. There ain't no two ways about it. Mr. Van's hanging fire, a-waiting to see if we lose the mine. If we do, he can't afford to marry no poor girl off a reservation."

"Very well. I shall make myself agreeable to Captain Hardy. But wait until I am free to pay him out for it!"

"Nom d'un chien!" muttered Dupont at sight of her straightened lips. "That's the Indian in you. Don't let him see you look that way till after we git the mine cinched."

"I am not a fool, mon pere." Dupont shook his grizzled head dubiously.

But at midday, when Hardy came over for the noon dinner, Marie received his courteous greeting with a graciousness that soon lightened the pensive severity of his look. Before the end of the meal they were chatting in a manner that brought a twinkle into Dupont's cunning eyes.

The girl proposed a ride up the valley. Hardy was greatly pleased. He had already grasped the simple details of the agency business, and now, pending the absence of Vandervyn





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"What's that?"

"That hour more of daylight."

"Oh, yes," said the man with the thin overcoat, "but they ought to tackle something worth while. Why don't they tack an extra month on to summer?"

## Shop Talk.

"Kate is a bundle of nerves."

"I thought she looked done up."

Boston Evening Transcript.

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# HISTORIC CRIMES AND MYSTERIES



THE MARTYR OF MANNHEIM.

AUGUST FRIEDRICH FERDINAND VON KOTZEBUE, who was born at Weimer in 1761, and slain at Mannheim in 1819, was one of the great men of his time. He is among the most celebrated of German dramatists, and his originality is attested by the fact that his works have been a mine for later writers of all nations. He wrote 200 tragedies, dramas and farces, and most of them were successful during his lifetime. His best-known work is "The Stranger," which, 50 years ago, was as popular and famous in the United States as it was in Germany. He also wrote successful novels, and a remarkable satire, in which he took a fall out of Goethe and Schiller, who had declined to admit him to their society.

Kotzebue was a trifle too fond of satire. When displeased with any person or cause, he was wont to hold the same up to public ridicule. This weakness led to his tragic death. His life was adventurous. Much of it was spent in the service of Russia, and once he was banished to Siberia, but was recalled a year or two later by Emperor Paul, who squandered things by giving him a fine estate. His later years were spent at Mannheim, where he was employed as correspondent by the Russian government, reporting upon matters literary, artistic and intellectual. In these days such a post would be considered honorable, but at that time many people believed he was a Russian spy. When in a satirical mood he found much amusement in making fun of the "Bursenschaft."



"You Are From Mitau."

movement, or "the universal German students' association." The students took their association seriously, if he didn't.

On March 23, 1819, the indications were that Kotzebue would spend his declining years in peace and comfort under his vine and fig tree at Mannheim. He was prosperous, and had congenial employment, and his genius was being generally recognized. On the afternoon of that day he went into the town on an errand, and when he returned to his home a maid told him that a young man had called to see him, and promised to call again. Half an hour later the young man returned, and the maid showed him up to the family sitting room. He waited there a few minutes, and then Kotzebue entered the room, with outstretched hand and smiling face.

"You are from Mitau?" inquired Kotzebue.

The stranger drew a dagger from his sleeve, and crying, "Traitor to the fatherland!" stabbed him repeatedly. Instead of trying to escape, the murderer tried to pacify his victim's four-year-old son, who had entered the room and stood there shrieking.

Karl Ludwig Sand, who committed this cold-blooded and senseless murder, was a student and enthusiastic member of the Bursenschaft. Patriotism was more than a passion with him. It was a disease. He hated Napoleon with a hatred that kept him awake at night and spoiled his appetite. He spent most of his time brooding over the woes, real or imaginary, of his country, when he should have been doing something useful. Also, his desire for notoriety amounted to a passion. He longed for the limelight with an unconquerable longing. There were no Ephesian domes to fire in his neighborhood, and the facilities for going over Niagara in a barrel were inadequate, but he always hoped to distinguish himself in one way or another.

He had made some reputation as a boy orator at the University of Erlangen, after which he went to Jena, where his talents attracted no attention, and this soured him. It was at Jena that he deliberately made up his mind to be a martyr, and he left for Mannheim armed with his dagger and a determination to kill Kotzebue. He had planned everything, down to the smallest details. His only excuse for mak-

ing Kotzebue the victim was that the latter had ridiculed the students' association.

And his plans worked out wonderfully well. After long years of war and peril, the people were in a hysterical mood, and Sand was hailed as a hero and martyr. In the whole country there was scarcely a voice expressing sympathy for the murdered author. The heinous deed was approved in high quarters as well as low. The flower gardens of Mannheim were desolated, that the martyr might have bouquets. Fortunately the tribunals were not carried away by the prevailing sentimentality. On May 5, 1820 the supreme court of the grand duchy of Baden passed sentence upon him, deeming that he be executed by the sword.

May 20 was the day fixed for the execution, and the place was a meadow just outside one of the gates of the town. The news had spread far and wide, an immense crowd streamed to town to see the doings, and the sympathy for Sand was so strong, and so general, that a rescue was feared, and a strong force of infantry surrounded the scaffold.

In the courtyard of the prison Sand was lifted into a low open chaise. The prisoners appeared at the jail windows, weeping and wringing their hands, for they also considered him a hero, and he bowed to them and smiled. When the door of the yard was opened, and the chaise emerged, sobs and groans were heard everywhere. The whole town was in tears. Not one of the millions of tears shed that day was for Kotzebue, who was barbarously slaughtered in his own home, before the eyes of his little son. The Germans usually are the sanest and most right-thinking of people, but on this occasion the delirium was universal.

Sand's progress to the scaffold was a triumph. No ten-thousand-dollar beauty in an American circus ever made a greater hit. And the martyr enjoyed every minute of it. Although weak from sickness, he played the conquering hero. "Farewell, Sand," cried the sobbing crowd as the chaise moved along.

The scaffold reached, the sacrifice was soon over. With one stroke of his glittering sword the executioner removed the young man's head. Then ensued a scene so remarkable that its parallel probably never occurred. The scaffold was ripped to pieces by souvenir hunters. Men and women dipped their handkerchiefs in the martyr's blood. The executioner sold single hairs from the dead man's head, and couldn't hand them out fast enough. If ever a man's ambition was rounded out, that man was Karl Ludwig Sand.

And for a long time after he was buried fair women carried garlands to his grave, and his heroic deed was sung by minstrels, and students wept when his name was mentioned. But time adjusts all things, and it came to pass in the season that the burghers of Mannheim began to appreciate the greatness of the murdered man, and then the flowers were carried where they properly belonged.

## First Machine to Make Shoes.

The first step toward the production of machine-made shoes was taken by Thomas Saint, an Englishman, in 1790, when he patented a sewing machine that embraced all the principal ideas later developed to such high efficiency.

It was soon found his invention would stitch leather as well as cloth, and the machine was adopted to some extent by shoemakers for simple operations hitherto done by hand. But it was a very different and difficult matter to find a device that would stitch soles and uppers together. Nothing of importance was accomplished until 1858, when Lyman R. Blake, an American, patented a machine for that purpose. From that time forward almost every improvement in the manufacture of machine-made shoes has been the result of American inventive genius, until even the smallest details of shoemaking are executed by mechanical means.

## Africa's West Coast.

West Africa seems to exercise a kind of fascination over men who have lived there for any time.

There is a saying, "Once a connoisseur, always a connoisseur," and out of the most terrible of the stories told to newcomers upon West Africa, he boasts his deep-seated love of life on the coast invariably emerges.

Fever-stricken men it is for civilized countries swearing mighty oaths they never will return, but a few rest- less months at home and they are back again, ready enough, no doubt, to abuse West Africa, but secretly subject to its grim fascination.

## Creation and a Meat Chopper.

"It takes a girl in our factory about two days to learn to put the 17 parts of a meat chopper together. It may be that these millions of worlds, each with its separate orbit, all balanced so wonderfully in space—it may be that they just happened; it may be that by a billion years of tumbling about they finally arranged themselves. I don't know. I am merely a plain manufacturer of cutlery. But this I do know, that you can shake the 17 parts of a meat chopper around in a washbasin for the next seventeen billion years and you'll never make a meat chopper."—America.

## Entertaining the Trade.

"Son," said the merchant prince, "now that I have taken you into the firm, I hope you will reflect credit on me."

"Rest easy on that score, governor," answered the gilded youth. "I'm going to show your out-of-town customers a time they'll never forget."

## Sympathetic.

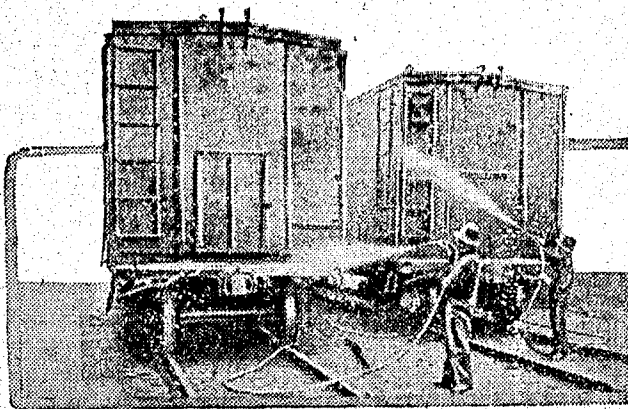
"I thought your wife said she'd never vote for that man."

"It's a case of woman's tender-heartedness," rejoined Mr. Meekton. "People have said so many awful things about him that he's getting her sympathy. Henrietta's going to vote for him because she's sorry for him."

## Keep 'Sun From Out Flowers.

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Two interesting types are described in an article contributed to Engineering News. One is really, to all appearance, a locomotive in miniature; the other, of which probably more general use is made in all sorts of underground construction work, bears more of a resemblance to a small automobile than to the traditional iron steed of the railroad.

The technical description of the latter is of a "gated locomotive having a high-pressure vertical tubular boiler and using fluid fuel." It is especially adapted for the roughest work, and is fitted with long, elliptical springs that absorb almost any jar to which it can be subjected. Of its other features the writer says, in substance:

The engines can use crude oil, distillate or gasoline, the last being employed in tunnel work on account of the heavy fumes from the oil. The boiler is the feature of the machine. It is designed for 600-pound pressure, the shell and lower head being made of one piece of pressed steel, which in turn is reinforced by a ring welded around each end and by a wrapping of three layers of piano wire. These boilers have been tested to 2,200 pounds by hydraulic pressure without failure.

These locomotives have been used during the last three years in the case of the tunnels for the Catskill aqueduct (New York water supply), on the Lexington avenue subway in New York and on sugar plantation work.

As to the use and manufacture of the real baby locomotives—those that bear the load of midget copies of the big fellows—we are informed as follows:

"In the construction of the new plant of the Baldwin locomotive works at Eddystone, Pa., an interesting feature was the use of a very small steam locomotive, and this engine has since been employed in operating the industrial railroad system at that plant. It was built by the company for its own use, but similar engines have been built for other work. It is a four-wheel, saddle-tank engine, and weighs only 11,700 pounds. The railroad is a two-foot gauge, with curves of 10-foot radius.

"The engine is of ordinary design, in miniature, but the cylinders have a rather long stroke in proportion to their diameter. The Baldwin steam brake is applied to all the wheels, and at each end is a radical drawbar with automatic coupler."

## Running Trains Through Fog.

The safety movement requires constant vigilance if it is to produce the best results. Relaxation of effort to secure careful operation leads to the recurrence of accidents. A report of the interstate commerce commission deals with the accident on the New York Central lines at Cleveland on March 29 last, in which 24 persons were killed and 47 were injured. The commission finds that the engineer, running in foggy weather, passed signals which he either could not see or failed to heed. Attention is directed by the commission to the fact that the same engineer had been guilty of similar offenses on other occasions. The testimony showed that all three of the fast trains involved in the wreck were making up time in the night. Employees asserted that foggy weather was not usually a deterrent to the speed of trains.

The facts brought out by the interstate commerce commission in connection with this wreck indicate the need of continued watchfulness and conscientious care on the part of railroad officials to guard against the reckless operation of trains.—Chicago News.

## The Blunderbuss.

An applicant for a teacher's certificate in Kentucky answered an examination question by defining "blunderbuss" as "kissing the wrong girl." Dictionary or no dictionary, we would have given that girl a first-class certificate.—Houston Post.

## Not Hard to Guess.

Miss Ruth was called to the telephone one evening by the only man she knew who lisped. He said: "It's him, you, Ruth? Well, gueth who thith it?"

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Pressing Question. We see that the slinky figure is to be the style throughout the coming season, and we suppose we shall soon be face to face again with the problem of where a fashionable matron of about forty-two size puts herself when she gets into her new gown.—Ohio State Journal.

Adds to Wealth of Sicily. Valuable deposits of lignite have been discovered in Sicily. The material is brown, but partly carbonized.

The women of Capri have acted as porters for ages, while many of the men sell corn specimens.

TO PREVENT OLD AGE COMING TOO SOON!

"Toxic poisons in the blood are thrown out by the kidneys. The kidneys act as filters for such poisons. If we wish to prevent old age coming too soon and increase our chances for a long life, we should drink plenty of pure water and take a little Anuric," says the famous Dr. Pierce of Buffalo, N. Y.

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Natural Suggestion. "The accounts say that the new Emperor Karl was deeply touched at the first interview with his ministers of state."

"Great Scott! Did they try to borrow from him that quick?"

Automatic Mischief. "What is the baby doing with the scissors, June?"

"Good gracious! She must think she's in the automobile. She's cutting out your muffler."

According to a British chemist, tobacco ashes contain 20 per cent of potash.

About 1,300 kinds of insects make their homes in the oak tree.

Windfall for Hobo. Some years ago, train No. 1, then, as now, one of the fast trains between New York and Buffalo, while making a water stop at Manchester, was boarded by a tramp. He coolly lodged himself on the pilot of the engine, seating himself with his back to the cylinder arch under the boiler head, with the evident intention of making his free trip as comfortable and agreeable as possible. He continued to remain there despite the efforts of the fireman to unload him by hurling a generous supply of choicest anthracite. The train gathered speed and was soon reaching the 70-mile mark.

While passing through a small hamlet, it struck a 200-pound hog, tossing him high in the air and finally landing him in Mr. Hobo's lap. He promptly grabbed the porker, held on until Rochester was reached, where he succeeded in negotiating his "hog in pork" for enough to buy a new suit of clothes and a ticket to Cincinnati.

American Engines for Russia. That the Russians have made extensive plans for establishing easily-adjustable rail communication between various divisions of their fighting armies and between the armies and the supply bases, is shown by the fact that the Russian government has ordered 350 liquid-fuel locomotives of a special type from a Philadelphia locomotive works. These tractors weigh 7½ tons each and run on tracks approximately 29½ inches wide. These narrow-gauge tracks can be moved about easily. According to Russian officials the engines may be used in the trenches as well as at the rear. Each has a pulling capacity of from twenty-five to fifty tons, depending on the condition of the track.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Testing Locomotives. Modern methods of testing locomotives make it possible to determine the power and speed of the engine, and even the amount of fuel it will consume. These tests are made by means of a stationary car, called a dynamometer, which is attached to the engine. The tests are made indoors.

Electrifying Australian Lines. The Australian state of Victoria is electrifying its railroad system at an expense that eventually will exceed \$29,000,000.

A Trial Will Convince Anyone. Thousands of people have testified that the mild and immediate effect of Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy, is soon realized and that it stands the highest for its remarkable results in the most distressing cases.

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The war's devastation of European crops has caused an unusual demand for grain from the American Continent. The people of the world must be fed and wheat near \$2 a bushel offers great profits to the farmer. Canada's invitation is therefore especially attractive. She wants settlers to make money and happy, prosperous homes for themselves by helping her raise immense wheat crops.

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### Crawford County Farmers' Institute.

Rainy weather and poor roads caused a small attendance at the Farmers' institute at the Court house last week Friday and Saturday.

L. B. Merrill, president and Charles Corwin, secretary, of the Crawford county Farmers' institute society were present to look after their duties. Charles H. Gaskill, of Hastings, was conductor.

The forenoon meeting Friday was abandoned. The remainder of the program was carried out about as published in last week's Avalanche.

Likewise the attendance at the Woman's Congress was small and the chairman, Mrs. Henry Stephan, announced that they would hold their meeting together with the afternoon institute.

All the meetings and addresses were full of interest and instructive, and good discussions were brot out.

There was a fine exhibit of fruits, grains, grasses and vegetables, some of which came in for high praise from the Institute speakers sent out from the Agricultural college. Our apples, they claimed, were the finest exhibited anywhere.

The exhibit was in charge of Marion R. Hopkins, of Beaver Creek. Prizes were awarded as follows:

Best plate of apples, first—John Kneth, \$1.00; second—John Kneth, 50c. Selection of fruit, first—John Kneth,

\$1.00; second—John R. Skingley, 50c. 10 ears of popcorn, first—F. D. Barber, \$1.00; second—L. B. Merrill, 50c. 10 ears of Dent corn, first—L. B. Merrill, \$1.00; second—F. D. Barber, 50c.

10 ears of Flint corn, first—L. B. Merrill, \$1.00; second—J. R. Skingley, 50c.

Six potatoes, first—Hugo Schreiber, Sr., \$1.00; second—Andrew Mortenson, 50c.

Three Turnips, first—L. B. Merrill, \$1.00; second—Chas. Corwin, 50c.

Three sugar beets, first—L. B. Merrill, \$1.00.

Three red beets, first—Hugo Schreiber, Sr., \$1.00; second—J. R. Skingley, 50c.

Display of roots, first—L. B. Merrill, \$1.00; second—Hugo Schreiber, 50c.

Six onions, first—J. R. Skingley, \$1.00; second—J. R. Skingley, 50c.

Six carrots, first—A. Mortenson, \$1.00; second—H. Schreiber, Sr., 50c.

Squash, first—L. B. Merrill, \$1.00.

Two quarts oats, first—H. Schreiber, \$1.00; second—Mrs. I. R. Gile, 50c.

Two quarts wheat, first—F. D. Barber, \$1.00; second—H. Schreiber, 50c.

Two quarts rye, first—H. Schreiber, \$1.00.

Two quarts buckwheat, first—Chas. Corwin, \$1.00; second—H. Schreiber, 50c.

Loaf of bread, first—Mrs. Herbert Parker, \$1.00; second—Mrs. Jens Hanson, 50c.

Pound of butter, first—Mrs. A. Mortenson, \$1.00; second—Mrs. Jens Hanson, 50c.

All around farm produce, first—L. B. Merrill, \$2.00; second—H. Schreiber, Sr., \$1.00.

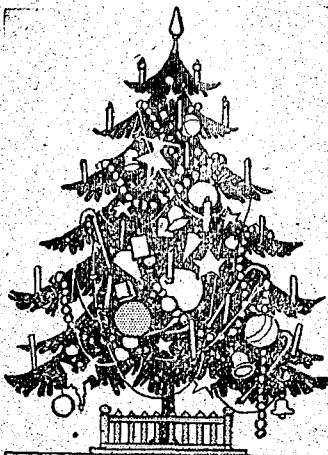
Display of grasses, first—L. B. Merrill, \$2.00; second—H. Schreiber, \$1.00.

Graham bread, first—Mrs. George tephin, \$1.00.

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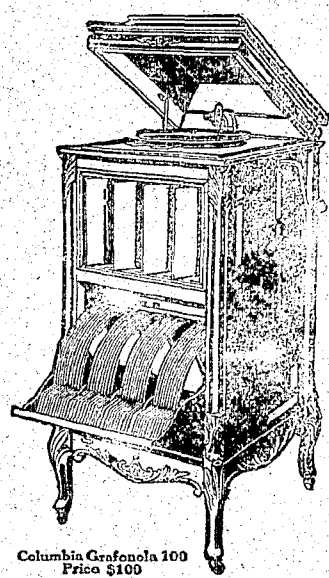
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## Local News

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 14

Give him one of our vest pocket diaries for 1917. Only 25 cents.

Sorenson Bros.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Milstrup of Lansing Tuesday morning.

Hans Jensen of Chicago is visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Sam Johnson.

Visit our bargain counter in the rear of our store. Many nice things at less than half price.

Sorenson Bros.

Miss Estella Fogelsoenger arrived Tuesday from Flint to visit at her home until after the holidays.

All kinds of things can be built with our tinker toys. Lots of fun and education too. Only 50 cents, at Sorenson Bros.

The Kerry & Hanson Flooring mill crew is working eight hours for a week or more, on account of having no electric lights.

Mrs. John Larson left last Tuesday night for Ann Arbor, where she will undergo treatment. Mr. Larson accompanied his wife.

Make it a jewelry Xmas this year. It is the only line of goods that has not risen in price. Hathaway has a nice stock to select from.

Miss Elsie Mortenson came from Flint Tuesday to spend Xmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mortenson of Beaver Creek.

You will all want a good cup of coffee for Xmas. Most people already know where to come and get it. They come to the Coffee & Tea Store, the little store around the corner.

The Post office at Wellington will be discontinued after December 30, by order of the postoffice department. Mail that is now going to that office will remain in Grayling Postoffice.

Mrs. A. M. Lewis and son, Mark, expect to leave the latter part of the week for Newberry to spend Xmas.

Just read over my Christmas ad and you will want to come in and fill your whole Christmas present list right out of my store.

Frank.

Miss Helen Stephan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stephan and Johanna Jorgensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter F. Jorgensen, were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. Mitchell, Saturday night. The young couple are well known here and have the best wishes of their many friends.

Mrs. Fred Rundell and little daughter of Morgantown, West Virginia, who has been spending several months visiting relatives and friends in Michigan, spent the past week, a guest at the John Charlefour home. They left Monday for to visit relatives in the southern part of the state, before returning to Virginia.

At a meeting of the Grayling Lodge F. & A. M. last Thursday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year, as follows: Worshipful Master, Efner Matson; Senior Warden, Frank Sales; Junior Warden, Charles Abbott; Senior Deacon, A. L. Foster; Junior Deacon, George N. Olson; Tyler, A. B. Failing.

Sheriff Cody arrested Charles Sturbal last week, Friday. He was wanted at Rhinelander, Wis., where he was charged with incest. General descriptions had been sent out to the sheriffs of several states. Sturbal arrived in Grayling and the vigilant eye of Sheriff Cody soon detected him. An Officer came after him Monday.

We note in the Gaylord Advance the marriage of Miss Agnes Gannon of that city, and Mr. Wm. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Lewis of Frederic, which took place Thanksgiving morning at the Catholic parsonage in Gaylord. Mr. Lewis is very well known around Grayling and Lovells, as well as his home town and has many friends who extend best wishes to the young couple. Mrs. Lewis has visited Grayling, and is known by a number of the young people.

The K. of P. lodge are planning on giving their annual ball and banquet, but the date has not been definitely set for same. At the regular meeting last Monday evening, an executive committee composed of Fred Alexander, chairman, Emil Giegling, Glen Smith, A. J. Joseph and Harry Simpson was chosen to take charge of things.

Elna, the little 20 month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Atkinson, proprietors of the South Side grocery, had a narrow escape with her life Monday morning when she swallowed a quantity of kerosene. In some manner she got hold of the kerosene can, childlike, drank of its contents. The liquid seemed to smother her lungs and for several hours she was hardly able to take any breath whatever. Medical skill and most constant care saved the life of the little one.

### Card of Thanks.

We hereby thank the dear friends, who were so kind, during the sickness and death, and burial of our baby. Also for the beautiful flowers.

MR. AND MRS. ALBERT NELSON,  
Frederic, Mich.

### Michigan Central to Consider Building of New Depot.

Last week the Avalanche announced that a petition had been presented the Michigan Central railroad company asking for a new passenger depot at Grayling. The petitioners are in receipt of the following reply, which was addressed to Mrs. L. J. Kraus, chairman of the Parents and Teachers' association:

"This is to acknowledge receipt of your petition signed by a large number of the ladies of Grayling, requesting me to take up with the Company, the matter of building a modern passenger station to replace the old station now located in your city.

I wish to advise that I have this day forwarded the petition to the general offices of the Company, stating to them that I feel that your communication is deserving of consideration."

Yours truly,  
D. W. Donahue,  
Division Supt.

### Delegates' Report of Boys' Conference.

The delegates from Grayling to the 14th Annual Boys' Conference held at Lansing, December 1, 2, and 3, gave reports of the meetings, and incidents connected with their trip, at a public meeting held at the School auditorium Tuesday night.

Judging from their talks they were royally entertained as well as feasted upon good wholesome, enthusiastic and Christian talks. Pumping the sentiment and get-thereism into the boys, with a good liberal garnishing of the spirit of fair play and fellow-feeling seems to be the prime object of the annual conference.

The boys came back with a lot of new ideas that can but make better fellows of them and give them a broader view of their responsibilities. They listened to speakers of state and national prominence, but it seems that Denny Upton, that right royal lovable coach of the Grand Rapids High school, hit deeper into their hearts than any of the others.

The boys' reports were interesting and attentively listened to, about 150 persons being present.

The meeting opened with music by the band, invocation by Rev. Mitchell. O. P. Schumann, vice president of the Board of trade, very briefly stated the object of the meeting and announced a vocal duet by Miss Lucile Campbell and J. Fred Alexander.

The first speaker on the program was Rev. Kjosheide of the Danish Lutheran church. He has been actively interested in work among young boys. Another musical feature, as fully enjoyed as the first, was a vocal duet by Miss Pearsall and Miss Campbell. This was next on the program.

Emerson Bates was the first of the boys to give his report. He represented the M. E. church. Harry Cook, representing the Danish congregation; Russel Lewis the Grayling High School; Arthur Karpus the Catholic society and Herman Sorenson the Boy scouts of Grayling, all gave interesting reports of the conference.

L. C. Bundgaard, who was the leader of the local boys at the conference gave an extended report of the conference and of some of his ideas concerning work among boys.

Rev. Fr. Riasa, having been called away to attend a funeral, was unable to be there and give his talk on "Opportunity," as scheduled in the program.

The Grayling Board of trade paid the expenses of the boys at Lansing and thus it was fitting to have a talk from one of its members. Secretary C. J. Hathaway told of some of the accomplishments of that organization.

The meeting closed with brief remarks by Prof. Ellsworth and Rev. Mitchell.

## IS NOW A REGULAR ARMY OFFICER.

### Hardin Sweeney Receives Commission of 2nd Lieutenant.

Some months ago after graduating from the Grayling High school and giving up his position as "devil" of the Avalanche office, Hardin Sweeney started out for other worlds to conquer.

Of course he has been making good, just as we expected he would. He finally entered the regular army and was stationed in the state of Washington. He was satisfied to be a private but not content to remain in the ranks. The opportunity came for promotion. He arrived home Saturday to visit his parents and upon request explains in his own words just how he managed to rise from private to second lieutenant.

A law was passed by Congress last spring, making and increase in the strength of the army. Such an increase made a number of vacancies for officers.

The war department issued an order in July, that an examination would be held for civilians and enlisted men. Such examination to be competency for the rank of second lieutenant.

I made application thru military channels to take the examination. I was immediately excused from all duty by my company commander, for the purpose of study.

One of the requirements was that I furnish references as to my past life. Testimonials and references from the most prominent business men of Grayling, enabled me to pass the moral requirements. I wish to thank those gentlemen, who so ably assisted me. The second requirement was physical condition. I was examined by two army surgeons, lieutenants of the Medical Reserve corps. The third requirement was mental condition. It consisted of an examination, written of U. S. history and constitution grammar, geography, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, elementary surveying, general history, one of three foreign languages (French, Spanish, or German), and an advanced subject, consisting of one of the languages, advanced surveying and a number of others.

Only one advanced subject had to be taken and the candidate had his choice. The examination was held on the week, beginning August 21, and lasted a week and three days.

The final test was for mounted service, and the candidate had to ride at least three miles at a walk, trot and gallop. I received my first notification that I had passed the examination on the 15th of October. It also gave my percentage, the average of which was eighty-one and three-tenths. On the 26th day of November I was appointed provisional second lieutenant of Infantry, was sworn in on the second of December, receiving my discharge as a private the same day.

Hardin C. Sweeney,  
2nd Lieut. Inf.  
Unassigned.

### CHEERFUL WORDS.

#### For Many a Grayling Household.

To have the pains and aches of a bad back removed—to be entirely free from annoying, dangerous urinary disorders, is enough to make any kidney sufferer grateful. The following advice of one who has suffered will prove helpful to hundreds of Grayling readers.

Peter Wm. Christenson, Chestnut St., Grayling, says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills on different occasions in the past, getting them at Lewis' Drug store, and they have always proved of great benefit to me. When my back has been weak or lame and the kidney secretions have been too frequent in passage, I have used Doan's Kidney Pills. They have always cured me of the attack."

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### Frederic News.

It looks as if the snow had come to stay.

B. P. Johnson bot 65 head of hogs from James Smith last week. Some pork. "Ha."

James Smith took log sleighs from the blacksmith shop Monday morning. Looks like business.

Albert Lewis is skidding and decking logs for James Smith.

All of the Jendron Estate, hotel furniture and fixtures were auctioned off Monday. Someone got some good bargains, while the other fellow paid well for his bargain. G. W. Nicholl did the selling. Everybody went home happy.

Supt. Geo. N. Wood gave a very interesting talk in the M. P. church last Sunday evening.

Mrs. Eli Forbush moved to town last week. Glad to have her with us again.

C. S. Barber is building a new hen house 12x28. Must be he is going to raise some chickens.

Mrs. Geo. N. Wood was on the sick list a few days last week, but was able to go to Grayling Monday.

Little Erma Barber was sick. Dr. Leighton said nothing serious. She is better now.

Mr. B. J. Callahan, Mrs. Robert Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swathy, F. A. Goshorn and Elmer Barber all did business in Grayling Saturday.

C. S. Barber completed the \$5,000 job on the concrete and steel bridge on the Manistee river last week. The structure is a credit to any township in the state or U. S. Sid is certainly a good workman.

G. W. Nicholl stayed with his niece, Mrs. C. S. Barber, while in our village.

Emmet Lewis is out again, after his five weeks' confinement to his home. Glad to see him out.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Lewis expect to start for their Florida trip again next Monday.

C. S. Barber found his stray calf at James Marlette east of Waters. Lucky.

James Patterson is working at Harvey's camp now.

Mrs. Floyd Goshorn is on the sick list.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kalahar this week. Mother and babe doing nicely.

AuSable.

### Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage, made by Fred Eesman and Mary Eesman, his wife, of Wellington, Crawford County Michigan, to Orlando F. Barnes of Lansing, Michigan, dated the twelfth day of July, A. D. 1913, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 18th day of October, A. D. 1913, in Liber H of mortgages on page 190, on which mortgage there is claimed the sum of One hundred eighty-eight dollars and eighty-nine cents, and an Attorney's fee of twenty-five dollars, provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage or any part thereof;

Now, Therefore, By virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Tuesday the 6th day of March, A. D. 1917, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, I shall sell at Public auction to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Court house in the Village of Grayling, County of Crawford, (that being the place where the Circuit Court for said County of Crawford is held,) the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage, with seven per cent interest, and all legal costs, together with an Attorney's fee of ninety-five dollars, as provided by law and as covenanted for therein, the premises being described in said mortgage as follows, to wit:

The Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter (SW 1/4 of NE 1/4) of Section one (1) in township twenty-five (25) north of range four (4) west containing forty (40) acres of land more or less, according to the returns of the Surveyor General.

ORLANDO F. BARNES,  
O. PALMER, Mortgagee.  
Attorney for Mortgagee.  
Business address: Grayling, Mich.  
12-7-13

### Danger Signal.

If the fire bell should ring would you run and stop it or go and help to put out the fire? It is much the same way with a cough. A cough is a danger signal as much as a fire bell. You should no more try to suppress it than to stop a fire bell when it is ringing, but should cure the disease that causes the coughing. This can nearly always be done by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Many have used it with the most beneficial results. It is especially valuable for the persistent cough that so often follows a bad cold or an attack of the grip. Mrs. Thomas Beeching, Andrews, Ind., writes: "During the winter my husband takes cold easily and coughs and coughs. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine for breaking up these attacks and you cannot get him to take any other." Obtainable everywhere.

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8	Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Weak Stomach.....	25
9	Croup, Hoarse Cough, Laryngitis.....	25
10	Eczema, Eruptions.....	25
11	Rheumatism, Lumbago.....	25
12	Fever and Ague, Malaria.....	25
13	Piles, Blood or Hemorrhoids, External, Internal.....	25
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15	Whooping Cough.....	25
16	Asthma, Oppressed, Difficult Breathing.....	25
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18	Urinary Inconvenience.....	25
19	Sore Throat, Quinsy.....	25
20	Grip, Grippe, La Grippe.....	25

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